Moss Family

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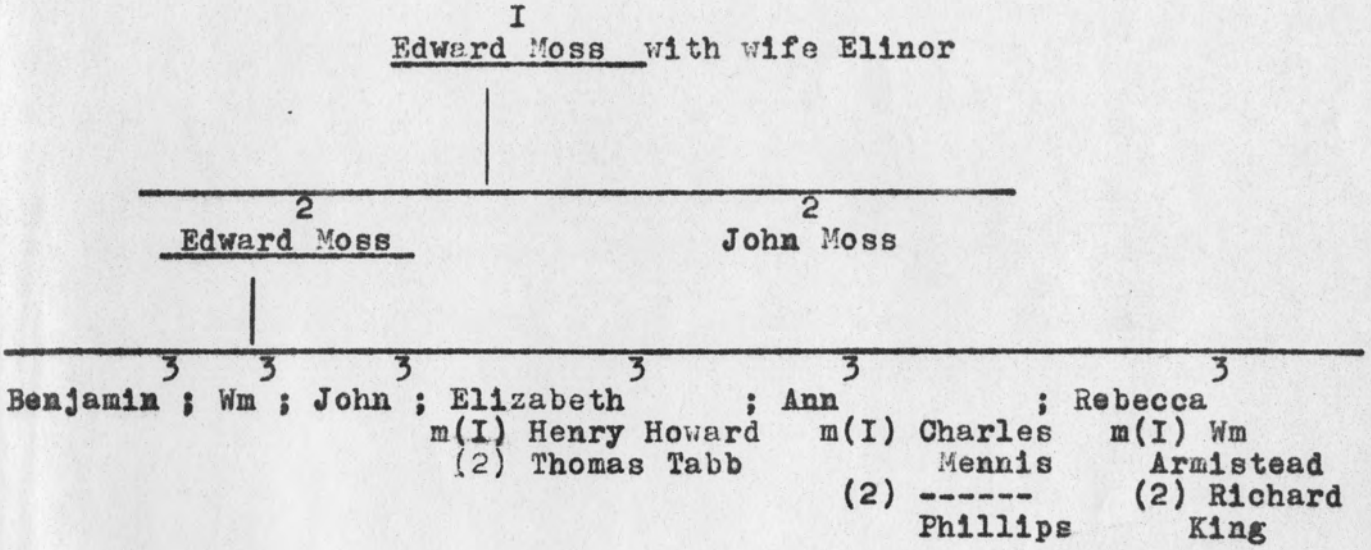
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Edward Moss with wife Elinor
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Benjamin ; Wm ; John ; Elizabeth m(I) Henry Howard (2) Thomas Tabb ; Ann m(I) Charles Mennis (2) ------ Phillips ; Rebecca m(I) Wm Armistead (2) Richard King

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Edward Moss[1], a boatwright, was living in York County, Virginia early in the I7th century. A record of a deed of gift from Edward Moss to his son, Edward Moss for "his good loveing condition and dutifull carriage and behavior towards me" bearing date May 2I, I657 shows this fact.[1] This deed was for two thirds of all his personal estate and all the plantation at the head of Chisman's Creek, excepting the plantation and housing formerly in the hands of Mr. Robert Tod late "deceased"; this was reserved for Mr. Tod's widow. This deed, in which he was classified as a boatwright, was signed by both Edward Moss and his wife, Elinor Moss. A record also states that Elinor Moss, wife of Edward Moss, acknowledged the foregoing transaction, the date being June 23, I657.[2] In I665 she gave a calf to her son and designated him as Edward "sonne of Edward Moss, deceased". There was no will or settlement; however, the records seem to indicate he had at least two sons, namely: Edward Moss[2] and John Moss.[2]

Edward Moss[2] was born by I636. He was a Justice of York County from I677 to I69I. He was active in court affairs. When Elizabeth Reade (widow of Col. George Reade) wrote her will (proved January 24, I686/7) she designated that Mr. Edward Moss and Mr. Thomas Barbar be overseers of her will. At the county court session held November 24, I687 he, along with Francis Reade, John Sheldon, and Ralph Walker were ordered to take inventory and appraise the estate of Major James

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I. York Records Book No. I, p. 34I.

2. Ibid., p. 342.

Goodwin. This was returned to the January 5, I687/8 session.

John Tiplady specified that his "friends, Mr. Edward Mosse and Mr. Robert Reade (be) overseers of my will." This was written October 23, I688 and probated November IO, I689. When John and Peter Goodwin petitioned the court to have their shares from the estate of their father, John Goodwin given to them, the court ordered that Captain Thomas Ballard, Captain Thomas Mountfort, and Mr. Edward Moss meet at the house of the widow, and adjust Major Goodwin's accounts. They returned this report:

> We whose names are hereunder written having in obedience an order of York Court bearing date the 25th January I69I/2 appeared at the house of Madam Blanche Goodwyn to audit the accounts and estate of Major James Goodwyn, lately deceased, and do find that the said Goodwyn died siezed of the personal estate of 542 pounds and I6 shillings as the said estate was appraised and that the above James Goodwyn stood indebted at the time unto John Jeffryes, Esq. of London, merchany, the full sum of 372 pounds 3 shillings 5 pence. And that after the said debt is paid there remains to every child's part ye full sum of 2I pounds 6 shillings 7 pence, there being seven children and ye widow, and this we make report according to the above order of ye court. Witnesseth our hand this 4th day of February I69I/2: Edward Moss , Thomas Ballard, Thomas Mountfort.

A few years later (July 24, I70I) Mrs Elizabeth Goodwin was named administrator for the estate of her deceased husband, Captain John Goodwin, who died without a will. Edward Moss , John Rogers, Thomas Chisman Jr., and William Watkins were appointed to make an inventory and appraisal of the estate. This was returned to the August I5, I70I session of York County Court.

The name for Edward Moss' wife is unknown, but these court records and proceedings are herein given to point out the close relationship [illegible] with certain families at the time.

The I704 rent rolls for York County credit him with 759 acres of land. He bought other property as shown by one deed bearing date September 25, I7I0, cited here:

> John Gibbons by virtue of power of attorney from Robert Snead and Margaret his wife came personally into court and presented and acknowledged the said Robert's deed for land lying in this county and endorsed on the back thereof to Edward Moss as also relinquished the said Margaret's right of dower therein---which said deed--- at Moss' motion was submitted to record-----.3

Edward Moss[2]' will, written July I6, I7I5, was probated December I7, I7I6. Excerpts from this follow:

> ----to son Benjamin Moss all my land I purchased of James Blackstone, by lease to him and heirs---give to son Benjamin Moss; the plantation which divided the planation I now live on from that which my son Benjamin has built a house on commonly called TENNUM'S --- head of Doctor's field; land I purchased of Robert Snead and Margaret to son Benjamin-----
> -----to son William all the land on south side of Cold Spring----
> ----to son John the plantation I now live on except what I gave to two sons William and Benjamin---
> ----to daughter Elizabeth Tabb---featherbed and furniture---give negro---
> ----to daughter Ann Phillips ---give a negro--
> ----to son-in-law William Armistead and Rebecca, his wife ---give a negro---
> ------grandson Benjamin Moss, son of Benjamin Moss---
> ----- grandson Moss Armistead---given a negro---
> -----my three sons---the still---- 4

No wife was mentioned in the will which indicates she was already deceased.

Children of Edward[2] Moss as named in his will were:

I. Benjamin[3] Moss

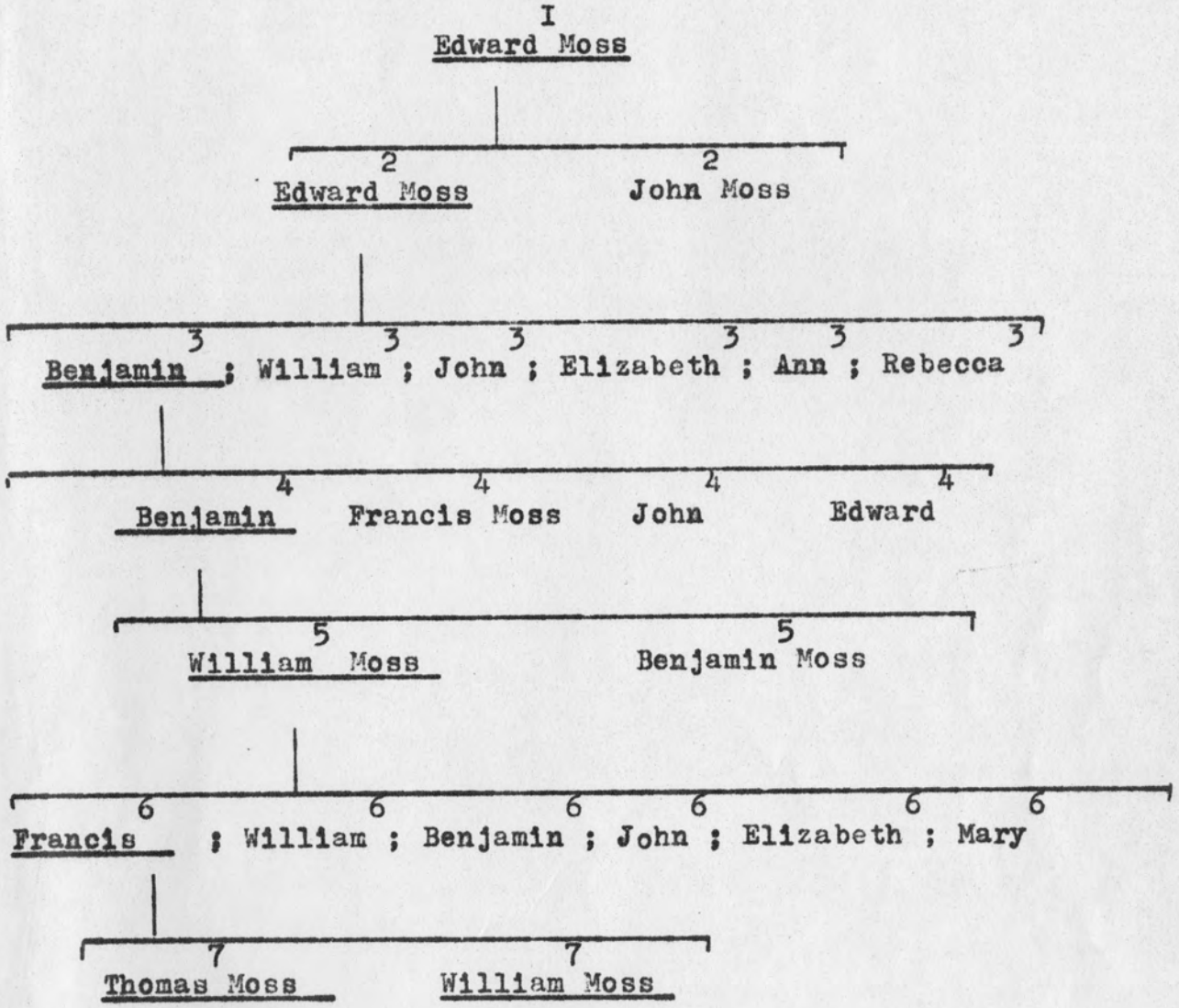
2. William[3] Moss

3. John[3] Moss

4. Elizabeth[3] Moss

5. Ann[3] Moss

PART I--SECTION I



I. Benjamin Moss^{3} (Edward^{2}, Edward^{I}) was married early in I7I3 to Diana Howard Wythe, the daughter of Henry Howard and his first wife, Diana of Poquoson Parish, and the widow of Dr. John Wythe. In June I7I2 she, as administrator of his estate, returned an account to the court. However, a little later, at the March I5, I7I3 session of York County court, action was taken by Thomas Nelson, administrator, with the will of Richard Isted (?) deceased attached as plaintiff in a case versus Benjamin Moss and Diana his wife, administrator of John With, deceased.[5]

In August I7I2 session of York Court she asked for a child's portion from the estate of her father, Henry Howard. (For details on Howard family see William and Mary College Quarterly Vol. II., p. I67)

Benjamin Moss'^{3} will was written November I0, I735 and was probated December I5, I735. In this he mentioned the following children:

(I) Benjamin Moss^{4}----given land

(2) Francis Moss^{4}---given lot in Yorktown bought from Logor.

(3) John Moss^{4} (not of age)--given slave property

(4) Edward Moss^{4} (not of age) ---given land

A step-son, Henry Wythe, was mentioned and son Benjamin Moss was named executor with Robert Armistead to assist him.[6] The inventory of the estate of Benjamin Moss, Sr. returned by Benjamin Moss, Jr. mentioned "sundry (items) of his father's estate in the first appraisement." Amount received July 29, I735 was 280--I0--4 and the appraisement May I6, I737 showed 84--5--2.

(I) Benjamin Moss^{4} (Benjamin^{3}, Edward^{2}, Edward^{I}) died a young man. He was born I7I3 or soon after and was of age when his father designated him as executor of his will in I735. His own will was

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5. Orders, Wills, Etc., No. I4 I7o9-I7I6, p. 3I7.

6. Wills and Inventories No. I8, p. 250 and p. 452.

written in less than two years, being dated March II, I737 and was probated September I9, I737.[7]

In I7I5 his grandfather, Edward[2] Moss had will him a slave.

He married Lucy _____ who survived him and later married Seymour Powell. In his will, Benjamin[4] Moss requested that all his land go to his son William Moss and if he had no heirs the child that his wife carried at the time would get it. He gave his wife, Lucy a life right in the land. He further stated that if his son and unborn child should both die, his brother John Moss could have it. He left a gun to Cousin Edward Moss and mentioned his brother, Henry Wythe. Witnesses were Benjamin Moss, Edward Moss, and Francis Moss.[8]

The only child Benjamin[4] Moss named was A. William[5] Moss, but later court records give the name of the unborn child as B. Benjamin[5] Moss. The will of his widow (later the wife of Seymour Powell) shows that she was the mother of several children, namely, William Moss and Benjamin Powell, whom she named as her executors, Benjamin Moss, and a daughter Powell. Legacies were left to granddaughters Lucy Roberts, Frances Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts, Nancy (Ann) Roberts, and Mary Roberts. Witnesses to the will were Harwood Burt, Sr., Harwood Burt, Jr., and Gerrard Roberts and it was written March 7, I784 and proved July I9, I784.[9]

The will of Thomas Roberts, written December I4, I784 and probated December I9, I785 mentions his wife Lucy and sons Gerrard Roberts, Thomas Powell Roberts, William Roberts, and James Roberts; also daughters Lucy, Frances, Elizabeth, Ann, and Mary Roberts.[IO]

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7. Ibid., p. 392.
8. Ibid.
9. Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 5I.
IO. Ibid., p. I03.

This will proves Thomas Roberts' wife as Lucy Powell since the second son bears that name. The girls' names coincide in the two wills also. This is important because of the settlement of Moss property with these Powell and Roberts people from Benjamin Moss, who was the "unborn child" mentioned in William Moss' will, he being half-brother to these people.

A. William Moss^{5} (Benjamin^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Edward^{2}, Edward^{I}) was named in both his father's and mother's wills. The I782 and I783 tax lists for York County credit him with 357 acres in the lower precinct.

He had two wives, the name of the first is unknown; the second was Mary _____. Issue:

a. Francis Moss^{6} by first wife
b. William Moss^{6} by second wife
c. Benjamin Moss^{6}
d. John Moss^{6}
e. Elizabeth Moss^{6}
f. Mary Moss^{6}

William Moss^{5} died I786; his widow, Mary Moss, died I794. More information will follow.

a. Francis Moss^{6} was of age in I786. (He may have been older.) On December I8, I786, upon his motion, and likewise his oath, with John Moss and Harwood Burt Jr. as his securities, bond was set and he was granted letters of administration on the estate of William Moss, deceased. Allen Chapman, Robert Howard, Robert Manson, and Edmund Curtis were appointed to appraise the slaves and personal estate of the decedent. At the same time Francis Moss was appointed "as a committee to take care of the person and manage the estate of

Benjamin Moss who is represented to be of unsound mind."[II]

The next month (January I6, I787) Maty Moss was appointed guardian to William Moss, John Moss, Elizabeth Moss, and Mary Moss, " infant orphans of William Moss, deceased", whereupon she, with Francis Moss and Allen Chapman her securities---gave bond--for securing the estates of the said orphans.[I2] The same day, Harwood Burt, John Robins, Bailey Seaton Tabb, and Allen Chapman were ordered to assign to Mary Moss "widow of William Moss, her dower in land and slaves whereof said William Moss died siezed and possessed."[I3]

Francis Moss, as administrator, set about collecting debts due the estate and one case was herad at the February 27, I787 session of court. The following session (March 27, I787) this matter came before the court:

> William Moss, John Moss, Benjamin Moss, Elizabeth Moss, and Mary Moss, infant orphans of William Moss, deceased by Mary Moss, their guardian, plaintiffs, against Francis Moss, administrator of William Moss, deceased and the court ordered Allen Chapman, Harwood Burt, John Robins, and Bailey Seaton Tabb to divide among the complaintants and respondant the slaves and personal estate of William Moss, deceased -----. I4

It has already been noted that Francis Moss was appointed by the court to care for Benjamin Moss. However, the relationship of these people is proven by additional records, namely:

> The Court ordered that Francis Moss, Committee of his uncle Benjamin Moss, a person of unsould mind, be summoned to appear---and render an account of said Benjamin Moss' estate-------.(May 2I, I789) I5

At the next session of court (June I5, I789) the report was made and the sheriff of the county was appointed temporary committee

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II. Orders No. 5 I784-I787, p. 398.

I2. Ibid., p. 406. I3. Ibid.

I4. Ibid., p. 427.

I5. Orders No. 6 I788-I795, p. I49.

to provide necessary and convenient maintenance for Benjamin Moss. At the July 20, I789 session of court, this action was taken:

> Court ordered William Cary, Abraham Archer, John Campbell, and Pate Wills or any three to examine state and settle William Moss, deceased, his accounts with the estate of his lunatic brother Benjamin Moss and also Francis Moss' account with the said estate and report. I6

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Francis Moss was designated as "son of William" in a deed. He married Sarah _____. On July 20, I789, he and his wife, Sarah Moss sold I20 acres where "said Francis Moss lived and resided------ bounded by Allen Chapman, the land belonging to the estate of William Stevenson, deceased, which said land -----Francis holds and possesses as heir of his father, William Moss, deceased." I7

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Issue of Francis Moss:

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aa. Thomas Moss

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bb. William Moss

The court record dated January I6, I797 states that the will of Francis Moss was proved by the oaths of Robert Tompkins and Thomas Chisman, but the will is not recorded. I8 Sarah Moss was appointed guardian to Thomas Moss and William Moss "orphans of Francis Moss, deceased" and Corbin Griffin and John Campbell gave security. This was done April I7, I797. I9 On September I8, I797 the court ordered the sheriff to take the estate of Francis Moss, deceased into his hands and administer the same according to law. 20

I6. Ibid., p. I6I

I7. York County Deed Book No. 6 , pp. 420-423.

I8. Orders No. 7 I795-I803 , p. I45. I9. Ibid., I62.

20. Ibid., p. 203.

On October I9, I809, Sarah Moss of Yorktown sold to Jeremiah Foster 60 acres"on Chisman's Creek at the extreme point of said Moss' land from the land of the late John Chapman and running thence with the meanders of the creek which bounds said Moss' land to a marked cedar-----divided Moss' land from land of aforesaid late John Chapman -----being part of the land left by will to said Sarah Moss by her late husband, Francis Moss."[21]

Sarah Moss and William Moss sold to Jeremiah Foster---for II0 pounds 55 acres---land on Chisman's Creek "beginning at extreme part of Francis Moss' estate (deceased)---land he died possessed of, situated by a gut which divided Francis Moss' property from Allen Chapman---".[22] Date of this was February I8, I809.

Sarah Moss, the widow of Francis Moss, died I8I0 and the inventory and sale of her estate was returned to court November 27, I8I0.[23] William Moss purchased much at the sale.

Thomas Moss[7] of Richmond relinquished all right to a tract in York County which was sold by his deceased mother Sarah Moss of Yorktown to a certain Jeremiah Foster by deed dated January 8, I809. This transaction was handled August I7, I8I2.[24] William Moss[7], Junior and Thomas Moss[7] his brother sold to Joseph Monnet , for $I96, a house and lots in Yorktown "lawfully heired from their father." (This proves these two were brothers. The father's name does not appear on the deed but the mother's name is given for each of these men with the sale for land to Jeremiah Foster.) This was done July 23, I8I2.[25]

2I. York County Deed Book No. 7, p. 5I9. 22. Ibid., p. 537.

23. Will Book No. I0 , pp.307-308.

24. York County Deed Book No. 8, p. I89. 25. Ibid., p. I88.

William Moss, Junior[7] and wife Mary[7] and Thomas Moss of York, one part, and Thomas Howard of the other part---for 90 pounds--sold land on Chisman's Creek "beginning at extreme point of said William Moss' land by the gut at marked cedar which divided William Moss' land from Jeremiak Foster, running thence with the meanders of the creek to a pine---land being part of the land said William and Thomas Moss-----(inherited)--"; date of this was December 10, 1812.[26] Thomas Moss of King and Queen County, and William Moss and Mary his wife, of New Kent County, sold to Edward Wright for $250 a tract of 55 acres in Yorkhampton Parish which they inherited by the "death of their father Francis Moss". Date of this was June 26, 1816.[27] Another deed by the same parties gives the sale of 110½ acres bounded by Samuel Eddens on the east; land of late Allen Chapman---south by lands of Jeremiah Foster, Thomas Howard, and Chisman's Creek; and west by Caleb Fisher-----.[28]

These deeds prove that Francis[6] Moss and Sarah Moss had two sons: William[7] and Thomas[7] Moss; that William[7] married Mary _____ and moved to New Kent County; that Thomas[7] Moss left the county and lived in Richmond and later in King and Queen County. Thus, they sold land inherited from their father and it went out of the Moss family.

Incidently, one should note how the terms junior and senior were used by the Mosses to indicate the older and younger persons with the same given name and was not necessarily father and son. It occurred frequently among these people, but the records help to clarify the situations.

The land considered in the forementioned deeds, was located on

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26. Ibid., p.241. 27. Ibid., pp. 368-369. 28. Ibid., p.491.

Chisman's Creek and a part of it may be identified with the present subdivision known as Hermitage Hamlet and adjacent property opposite the Seaford Elementary School.

No research has been done on the other children of William[5] Moss except the inclusion of the record of two lawsuits, namely the settlement of their mother's estate and the division of the slaves of another relative who left no issue.

Mary Moss, widow of William[5] Moss, died I794. On September I5, of that year, upon the motion of Mount Edward Chisman, with William Moss and John Toomer as security, he acknowledged bond and was named the administrator of the estate of Mary Moss, deceased. Harwood Burt, Harwood Burt, Junior, Martin Goodwin, and Peter Goodwin, Junior were appointed[29] to appraise the slaves of the decedent.

August I5, I796 William Moss, John Moss, Benjamin Moss, and Mary Moss were plaintiffs in a chancery case against Francis Moss and Harwood Burt, Jr., defendents. These four plaintiffs were of age by this date, recalling the fact that their mother, Mary Moss, was at one time their guardian and represented them in trying to acquire their portions of their father's estate from Francis Moss who was administrator.[30]

The second lawsuit points out relationships among these families. John Moss, Benjamin Moss, James Toomer and Elizabeth his wife, and Mary Moss were plaintiffs in a chancery suit against William Moss, administrator of Benjamin Moss, deceased defendant, November 2I, I797. Lawrence Gibbons, Robert Gibbons, John Campbell, and Seympur

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29. Orders No. 6, p. 654.

30. Orders No. 7 I795-I803 p. II3.

Powell were directed to divide the slaves belonging to the estate of Benjamin Moss, deceased. These were to be divided "equally among the complaintants and the respondent and report." At the same court session, John Moss, Benjamin Moss, James Toomer and wife Elizabeth, and Mary Moss were parties (complaintants) to another suit against Mount Edward Chisman, administrator of Mary Moss, deceased. The same men were ordered to divide the slaves of the decedent among the complaintants.[31]

An examination of the division of the slaves of Benjamin[5] Moss, deceased will show the kinship of these people and their involvement in the law suit. The slaves were divided into five lots of near equal value: No. I to Dr. John Powell, valued at I45 pounds; No. 2 to Mrs. Lucy Roberts valued at I40 pounds; No. 3 to Dr. Thomas Powell valued at I40 pounds; No. 4 to William Moss valued at I40 pounds; No. 5 to William Moss valued at I45 pounds. This division was returned to the court July I7, I798.[32]

Benjamin[5] Moss was a brother to William Moss and half[5] brother to Benjamin Powell and Lucy Powell Roberts. While William Moss had died prior to this date, his estate received his portion. Receiving two portions may have been due to the fact that he was a whole brother to Benjamin[5] Moss while the others were half kin.

b. William Moss[6] (William[5], Benjamin[4], Benjamin[3], Edward[2], Edward[I] Moss) is apparently the person who assumed responsibility in legal matters after the death of Francis Moss. No research about him has been done.

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31. Ibid., p. 2I6

32. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 502.

c. Benjamin Moss (William[6], Ben[5], Ben[4], Ed[3], Ed[2]) was born around I766. This may have been his will, written May I5, I809 and probated July I7, I809. It follows:

> I give to my friend Richard Garrett and his heirs all claims I have in a suit against William Moss with full power of attorney to carry on the said suit---in consideration of his goodness and attention to me in my illness.[33]
> John Stedman, witness.

After this will, the case mentioned seemed to be reactivated and it was persued in the courts for a long time.

d. John Moss (William[6], Ben[5], Ben[4], Ed[3], Ed[2]) was born around I768. Francis[5] Moss gave bond to complete the settlement of William Moss' estate on May I8, I789 and a deed dated June I789 shows that he sold livestock to John Moss. The deed was for two yoke of oxen; four cows; seven young cows; one ox cart; two calves; one white horse. William Moss and Bailey Seaton Tabb were witnesses.[34] This property could have easily belonged to the estate of William[5] Moss and have been "bought" by a younger son.

Here is a will for a John Moss which was probably his:

> I give to Benjamin Moss my brother five shillings as I have no more to spare him----
> I give my sister Elizabeth Moss five shillings
> I give my beloved wife Mary the whole and residue of my estate, real and personal-----
> wife Mary, executor.
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> Witnesses: John Garrow; John Freeman; Diannah Baptist.
> Written: January I3, I79I; proved December 2I, I795 by the oath of Diannah Baptist and at session April I796 by the oath of John Garrow another witness.[35]

A York County marriage record shows that John Moss and Mary Holmes were married February 25, I786 by the Rev. Samuel Sheild.

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33. Ibid., p. 744.

34. York County Deed Book No. 6, p. 406.

35. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 458.

John Moss and Mary his wife "late Mary Holmes" were plaintiffs in a case against Allen Chapman for 95 pounds IO shillings which was a debt being collected July I786.[36]

Mary Moss, widow of John Moss, also left a will and gave her property to relatives, since there were no children . The will was written November I7, I797 and was probated June I7, I799. She lent the house in which she lived in Yorktown to Samuel Rawlins, Betsy Rawlins, Diannah Rawlins, and Nancy Rawlins; she mentioned her sister Lucy Baptist; sister Dianna Maclary; sister Sally Richart; and sister Elizabeth Rawlins; also her friend Bernard Elliott was appointed executor of the will.[37]

e. Elizabeth Moss (Wm[6], Ben[5], Ben[4], Ed[3], Ed[2]) married James Toomer between I787 and I797. They were parties in law suits mentioned in this manuscript. James Toomer died November I802 and William Garrow's account of the estate and the division of the slaves was returned to the court November 29, I809. There were two children:

aa. Mary Toomer, who was allotted Jack, Dinah and her infant child, and Peter and she was also to receive one pound five shillings from John Toomer.

bb. John Toomer , who was allotted Moses, Hannah, Anna, and Louisa and ordered to pay Mary Toomer one pound five shillings.[38]

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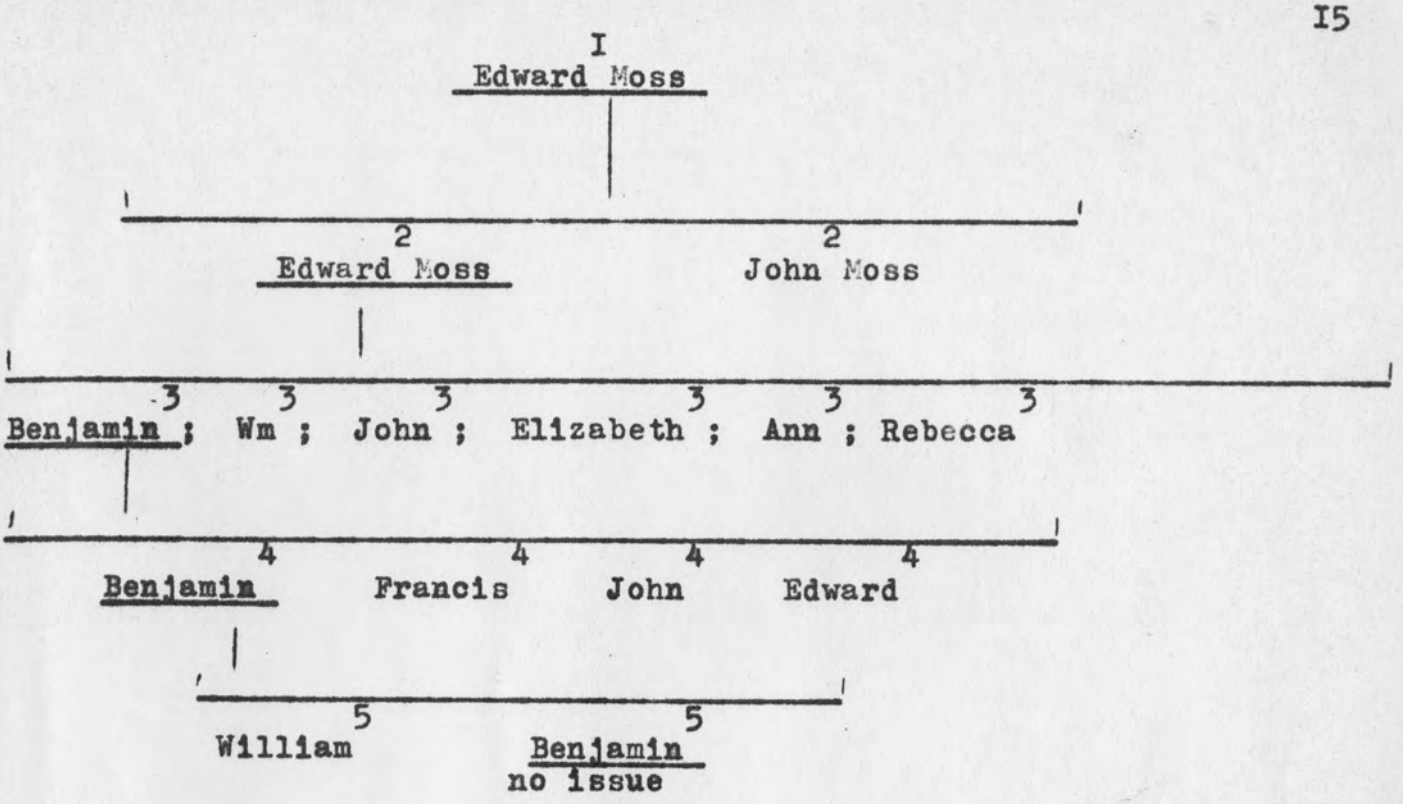
36. York County Orders No. 6 , p. 383.

37. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23 , p. 536.

38. Ibid., p. 770.



B. Benjamin Moss (5 Ben 4, Ben 3, Edward 2, Edward I) was born after his father wrote his will March II, I737, being mentioned as the child which his wife was carrying at the time. He did not marry or leave issue. During his lifetime he suffered some kind of mental illness which required legal attention in his behalf. Here is a part of the settlement and division of his slave property which helps to identify him. January I795 the persons interested in the division who signed the statement were Lawrence Gibbons, Robert Gibbons, and John Campbell the commissioners to Gerard Roberts for John Powell and Lucy Roberts, and William Moss. The slaves were divided in this way:

No. I Dr. John Powell: Gilbert — value I45 pounds
Betty
Adam
Nanny

No. 2	Mrs. Lucy Roberts:	Bob Silver	value I40 pounds
No. 3	Dr. Thomas Powell:	Deager Sall & a child	value I40 pounds
No. 4	William Moss:	Paul Anthony Hannah	value I40 pounds
No. 5	William Moss:	Jack Patty & 3 children	value I45 pounds

Some items of expenses are given for added interest:

Board for Negro Grace while sick 2 months
Paid John Moss for provisions for Adam until May (5 months)
Provisions for Patty I--4--0
Board for Patty and 4 children 7--0--0
Paid granny's fee for Patty I5 shillings

All of this is recorded as "The Estate of Benjamin Moss in Account with William Moss, Administrator, I795".[39]

Upon examining the material for Benjamin Moss and his wife, Lucy, who married secondly, Seymour Powell, and following the disposition of her property, one will readily see that Benjamin Moss was their son and his estate was divided among his brother William Moss (his estate) and his Powell relatives.[4][5][5]

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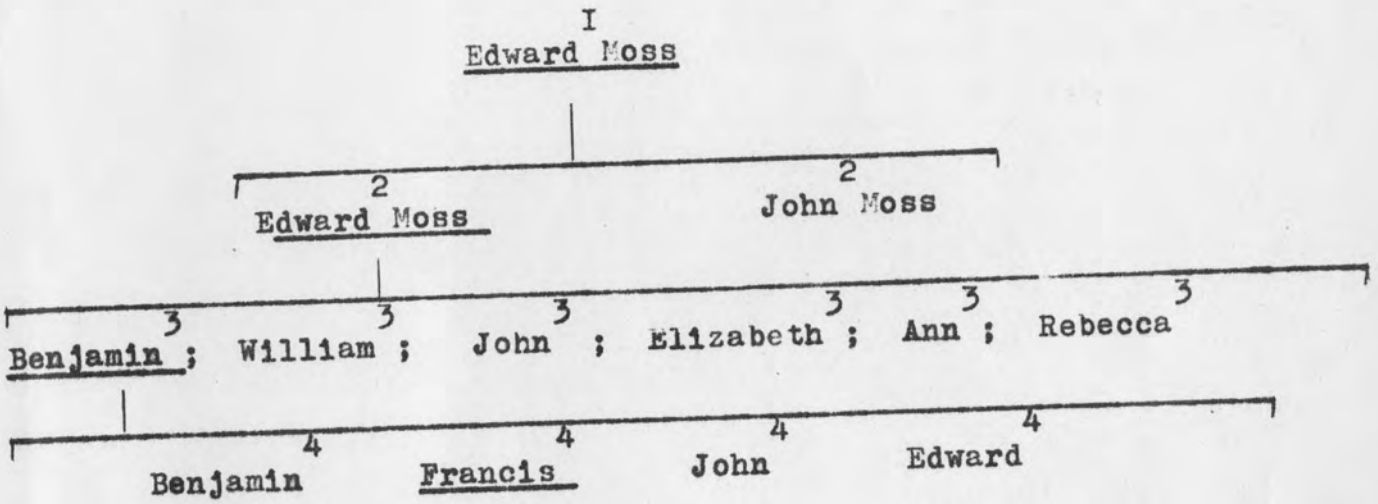
39. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 502.

PART I -- SECTION 2



(2) Francis Moss (Benjamin ; Edward , Edward) was born around I7I6. He was not mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Edward Moss, written I7I5, yet his older brother was left a legacy. He heired a lot in Yorktown from his father, Benjamin Moss; this lot is described as having been owned by Abraham Legers. He married Elizabeth _____ according to certain deeds:

> Francis Moss and Elizabeth Moss, his wife, one part and William Rogers other part---for fifteen pounds current money---sold a lot or one half acre in Yorktown---which was purchased of Abraham St. Legers by Benjamin Moss, late of the county aforesaid and by certain indentures of bargain and sale is recorded and by Benjamin Moss given and devised by his last will to said Francis Moss---with as much timber as framing boards and planks to be got off of any part of said Benjamin Moss' land as shall be thought sufficient to build him a dwelling house, shop, and to make a garden on the lot of land aforesaid and no more, which was also given and devised to said Francis Moss by aforesaid Benjamin Moss, deceased, by his will----- 40

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40. York County Deed Book No. 4 I729-I740, p. 5I4.

This transaction was signed by both Francis and Elizabeth Moss and was dated September I4, I738. The following month (November 20, I738) Francis Moss and Elizabeth Moss, his wife, were parties to a deed of lease to Richard Palmer of Hanover County for 80 acres of land in Yorkhampton Parish, York County, which they had bought earlier from Palmer.[4I] Framcis Moss also sold two Negroes to William Moss on August I8, I740.[42]

Whether Francis and Elizabeth Moss had issue is not stated. The court record shows that "William Moss told the court that Francis Moss died without a will" so the court gave him letters of administration to settle the estate November I6, I74I.[43] Since Francis Moss was only about twenty-five years of age at the time of his death, William Moss mentioned here was probably an uncle.

December 2I, I74I the inventory and appraisal of the estate, with William Moss administrator, was returned to the court. This had been done by John Buckner, John Ballard, Ishmael Moody, and Matthew Hubbard and showed a value of I04 pounds 8 shillings.[44]

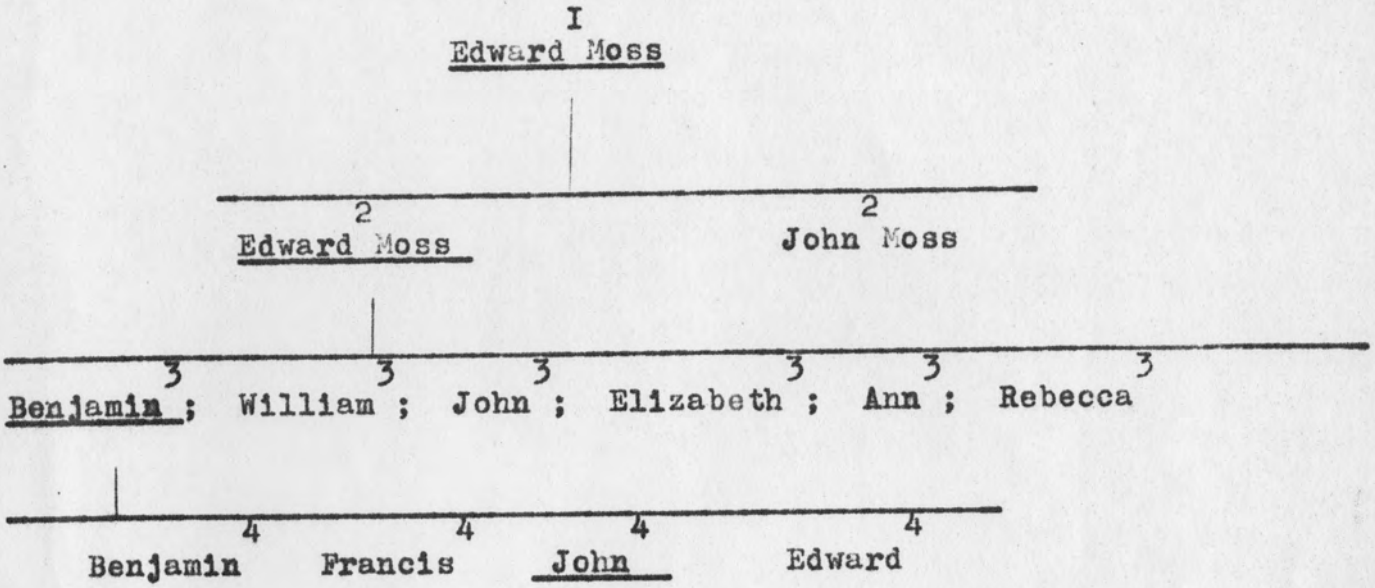
4I. Ibid., p. 52I.

42. Ibid., p. 6I5.

43. York County Wills and Inventories No. I9 I740-I748, p. 6I.

44. Ibid.

PART I --SECTION 3

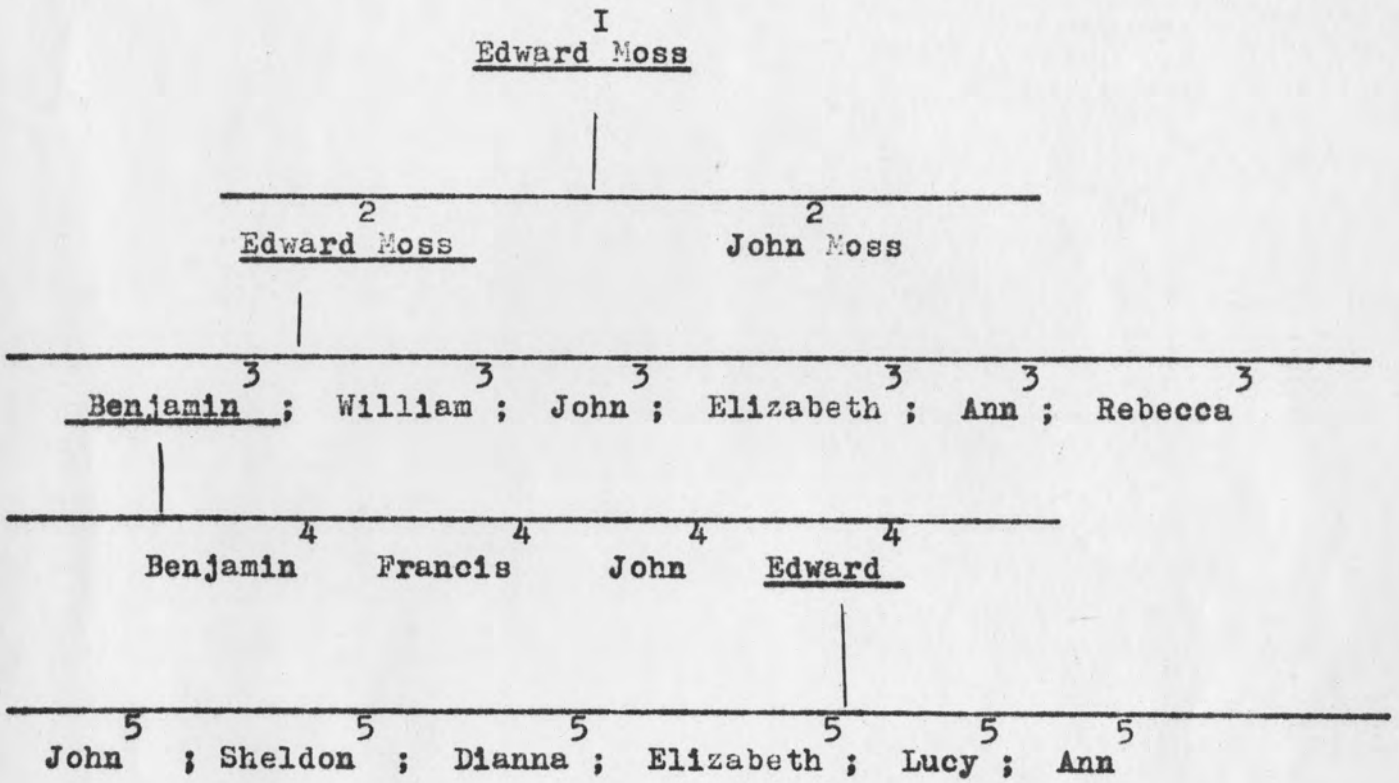


(3) John Moss (Benjamin[4], Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was not of age when his father died; he was probably born around I7I8.

On February I7, I794 a John Moss was exempt from payment of county levies and the "poor rates on his person." He was an old man.

No further research has been done about him.

PART I --SECTION 4



(4) Edward Moss (Benjamin, Edward, Edward) was born around I7I9 or I720. When Henry Howard wrote his will in I720 he mentioned him as a nephew. Being underage when his father died in I735, the court named Seymour Powell his guardian. At the July I7, I742 court session for York County, Powell reported he had relinquished the estate to Edward Moss. Record shows that he was appointed surveyor of the roads in I746.

Edward Moss was often spoken of as junior, but he was the son of Benjamin Moss. He was a little younger than a first cousin by the same name which could account for this term as a way to distinguish between the two men.

Edward Moss, son of Benjamin Moss, married Elizabeth Goodwin. This is proven by the wills of her father, Colonel John Goodwin (I766) and that of her brother Peter Goodwin (I763). Colonel Goodwin named

his grandsons, John Moss and Sheldon Moss and his three granddaughters Diana Chisman, Elizabeth Toomer, and Lucy Moss. Peter Goodwin made mention of his "cousins Anna Moss, Elizabeth Moss, and Lucy Moss, daughters of my deceased sister, Elizabeth Moss." When John Goodwin's estate was divided February I6, I767, Elizabeth Moss was designated as the decedent's daughter and Diana Chisman and Lucy Moss were spoken of as "daughters of Elizabeth Moss, deceased" while Elizabeth Toomer was called the "daughter of Edward Moss, deceased".[45] Given are portions of the court record:

> We have made division-------
> Item I ---------
> Item 2 ---------
> Item 3 -----heirs of Rebecca Goodwin, deceased, daughter of the decedent-----I2 Negroes
> Item 4 ---- heirs of Elizabeth Moss, deceased, daughter of the decedent --- I2 Negroes
> Item 5 ----John Goodwin---
> Item 6 --- Diana Chisman, daughter of Elizabeth Moss, deceased----slaves to be paid from over plus of Sheldon's ---5--3--4
> Item 7 --- to Elizabeth Toomer, daughter of Elizabeth Moss, deceased----slaves over plus from Sheldon's
> Item 8 --- to Lucy Moss, daughter of Elizabeth Moss, deceased---------[46]

The York County Tax list credits him with I07¼ acres.

Edward Moss died in I754 and the commissioners returned the appraisement of the estate at the court session held May 20, I754.[47]

Elizabeth Goodwin Moss' will was probated November I760. In part she left:

> ----to son John Moss----twenty shillings to buy a ring
> --- to son Sheldon Moss five pounds----
> --- to daughter Dianna Chisman my best bed and furniture--
> --- my daughter Elizabeth Moss twenty-five shillings to buy a ring--
> ----rest be equally divided between my two daughters, Anne Moss and Lucy Moss----

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45. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 2I I760-I77I, pp.327-330.

46. Ibid., p.

47. York Co. Wills and Inventories I746-I759, p. 327; 338.

Thomas Chisman was the executor of this will.[48] The appraisal showed her estate valued at 276--7--3 and this was recorded December I5, I760.[49]

Children of Edward[4] Moss and his wife, Elizabeth Goodwin Moss were:

A. John[5] Moss

B. Sheldon[5] Moss

C. Dianna[5] Moss

D. Elizabeth[5] Moss

E. Lucy[5] Moss

F. Ann[5] Moss

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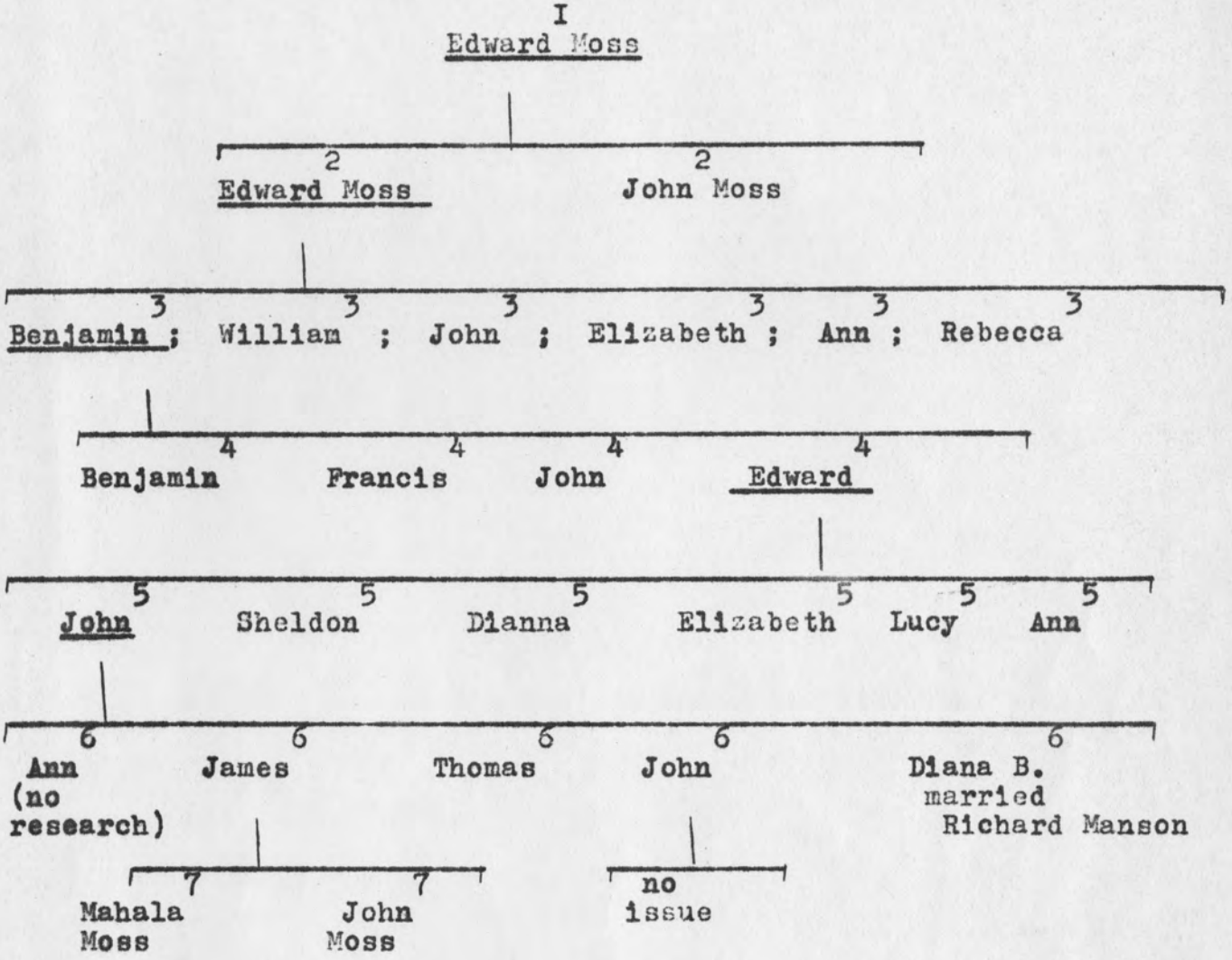
48. York County Wills and Inventories No. 2I I760-I77I, p 26.

49. Ibid., p. 29.

PART I --SECTION 5



A. John Moss (Edward[5], Ben[4], Ed[3], Ed[2]) heired land from his grandfather, John Goodwin, whose will states:

> ---to grandson John Moss, a small tract I lately purchased of William Moss and Robert Smith upon condition that he pay to my executor on arriving at age, 40 pounds to the use of my estate, but if he should die then my grandson Sheldon Moss to have the estate on same terms; --20 shillings to grandson John Moss for a ring. [50]
> (September 10, 1766; February 16, 1767)

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50. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 21, p. 29; 26

John Goodwin, executor of the will of his father, John Goodwin gave a deed for this land to John Moss which deed was acknowledged September 2I, I772. The tax list for York County in I784 credited John Moss with I07½ acres; formerly Edward Moss had owned I07½ acres.

John[5] Moss had two wives; the name of the first is not known. By her he had three children. His second wife was Joanna Tompkins Tabb, daughter of Captain Robert Tompkins of Gloucester, and widow of William Tabb. There were two Moss children by this marriage. (Joanna Tompkins Tabb Moss later married a third time to Bernard Elliott and had two other children. She had children by three husbands: Tabb, Moss, and Elliott.)

Note this court order dated September I7, I787:

> We subscribed and allotted unto Joanna Moss, late wife of William Tabb, deceased, her dower in lands and slaves of William Tabb, deceased, siezed and possessed in manner and form following-----down swamp called Wolf Trap---slash---to old landing where the house stood----
> Signed: Robert Howard, William Patrick, and Thomas Chisman. Returned July 2I, I788. 5I

York County marriage records show that Bernard Elliott and Joanna Moss were married October I9, I795. So, John Moss died probably I794-5.

Issue of John[5] Moss:

a. Ann[6] Moss
b. James[6] Moss
c. Thomas[6] Moss
d. John[6] Moss (by second wife)
e. Dianna B.[6] Moss (by second wife)

5I. York County Deed Book No. 6 I777-I79I, p. 37I.

a. Ann Moss[6] has not been traced.

b. James Moss[6], son of John Moss[5] by his first wife, sold to George Armistead 21½ acres to which he fell heir from his father, John Moss, being one fifth part of 107½ acres.[52] This deed bears date October 18, 1799. He married Mary Manson and had two children by her. After her death, he was married to Constance _____ by March 21, 1814 when they were parties to a deed with Thomas W. Cary of Warwick, trustee for John P. Armistead.[53]

James Moss'[6] will, proved August 15, 1814, gave his residence as Charles Parish, and states in part:

> -----wife Constancy Moss---take such personal property as she sees fit---sell at a sale my tract "Baut" which was in consequence of a decree of York Court on the lands of Robert Manson, deceased---that parcel of land should be sold for purpos of paying my just debts----
> Item 2---sell tract bought of Patrick Armistead and apply money to debts----[54]

This was witnesses by William Wood, Richard H. Manson, and Dianna B. Manson. The settlement shows the estate was valued at 550 pounds.[55]

No mention was made in the will about children, but the court named Peter Manson guardian for Mahala Moss and John Moss "infants of James Moss, deceased and he was their guardian from 1815 through 1823.[56]

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52. York County Deed Book No. 7, p. 300.

53. York County Deed Book No. 8, p. 289.

54. York Co. Will Book No. 10 1811-1824, p. 124.

55. Ibid., pp. 166-167.

56. York County Guardians' Accounts.

A lengthy court record is herein added because it gives much information about the parties involved:

> March I3, I8I0: Thomas Chisman, Henry Howard Jr., and Edward Moss commissioners appointed--- in a suit-- between Thomas Manson and Elizabeth C. Manson and Peter and Richard Manson, infants by James Moss their next friend and the said Thomas, Elizabeth C., Peter, and Richard, being children of Robert Manson deceased---Elizabeth C. and Robert Manson, infant children of John Manson, deceased by Mary Manson their next friend-----Mary P. Haughton, infant daughter of Anne Haughton, deceased by the said James Moss her next friend and Mahala and John Moss , infant children of Mary Moss, deceased by the said James Moss their father and next friend plaintiffs and Mary Manson, executor of Robert Manson deceased, defendant of the one part and James Moss of county aforesaid of the other part.
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> Whereas by a decree of the county---between parties aforesaid made the I9th February last past it was decreed and ordered That Thomas Chisman, Henry Howard Jr., Edward Moss, and Edward Wright or any three should expose to sale 2/3 the tract of land in the bill mentioned and the revision of the remaining I/3 whereof the defendants testator died siezed on a credit of I2 months to highest bidder taking bond--- under authority of the decree---these I3 March last exposed to sale 2/3 of the land aforesaid-- in which sale--the aforesaid James Moss being highest bidder became-----
> $600 by James Moss to the Commissioners---in Charles Parish---west by land of John Gayle, south by land of John P. Armistead, south and east by lands of Anthony Chisman in the southeast and Edmund Curtis and Chisman's Creek------- 57
> April I5, I8II

On October I0, I8I0 James Moss and Edward Wright and Samuel Sheild Sr. gave bond for this transaction. Edward Wright stood as security for James Moss in seven separate bonds "to sell certain lands belonging to the estate of Robert Manson, deceased, each bond for the sum of 25 pounds."[58]

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57. York County Deed Book No. 8 , p. 96.

58. Ibid., p. I00.

Issue of James Moss[6]:

aa. Mahala Moss[7]

bb. John Moss[7]

c. Thomas Moss[6], son of John Moss[5] and his first wife, sold to Bernard Elliott (his step-father) his portion of a certain tract---bounded by Peter Goodwin Sr., Robert Armistead, and John Wright and the waters of Goose Creek. He received twenty-five pounds and the deed bears the date August I, I809.[59] (Note how the children sold the entire tract to Elliott.)

d. John Moss[6], son of John Moss[5] and his second wife, Joanna Moss, was born about I788.(Note his mother's dower part in Tabb estate I787.) Bernard Elliott, his step-father, was named his guardian September I799, his mother having married him in I795. He continued the guardian until I808 according to the Guardians' Accounts in York County. He sold to Bernard Elliott his portion of the tract that had been his father's and for 2I½ acres he received 32 pounds 5 shillings. This deed was written April I4, I8I0 and the boundaries of the land were lands of Peter Goodwin Sr., Robert Armistead, and John Wright and waters of Goose Creek in Crab Neck.

He never married and died a young man. His will is given:

> I desire Mr. Bernard Elliott to pay what he thinks the house worth that I built for George Elliott and I desire my sister Mary T. Elliott to have money to get a suit of mourning and for Kemp P. Elliott to have my watch and the balance of my estate to go to my sister Dianna B. Manson.
> Written February I7, I8I5; probated June I9, I8I5. 60

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59. Deed Book No. 8, p. 4I.

60. York County Will Book No. IO, p. I62.

Bernard Elliott, mentioned here, was the step-father of John Moss. Mary T. Elliott was a half sister and Kemp P. Elliott was a half brother, being children of his mother by Bernard Elliott. The will of John Elliott gives further proof of this relationship. Written January 24, 1803 and proved February 21, 1803, the will contains a statement that "Mary Elliott, daughter of Bernard Elliott by his last wife" get fifty pounds. Several women received legacies of $7.00 each, among them being Joanna Elliott.[61]

Bernard Elliott's will, written March 23, 1815 and probated April 17, 1815, devised his property to his wife Joanna; to his daughter Mary Elliott; to his son Seaton Elliott; to his daughter Elizabeth Elliott; to his son George Elliott; and to his son Kemp P. Elliott.[62]

Joanna Elliott also left a will dated November 3, 1815 and probated February 19, 1816. She named her son Kemp P. Elliott; son William Tabb; daughter Dianna B. Manson, and daughter Mary T. Minson.[63]

e. Dianna B. Moss[6], the daughter of John Moss[5] and Joanna Moss, married Richard H. Manson before 1815 when her brother mentioned her in his will. She was still under the guardianship of Bernard Elliott as late as 1810 and 1811. She and Richard H. Manson were witnesses to the will of another brother, James Moss[6] in 1814.

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61. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 607.

62. York County Will Book No. 10, p. 150.

63. Ibid., p. 197.

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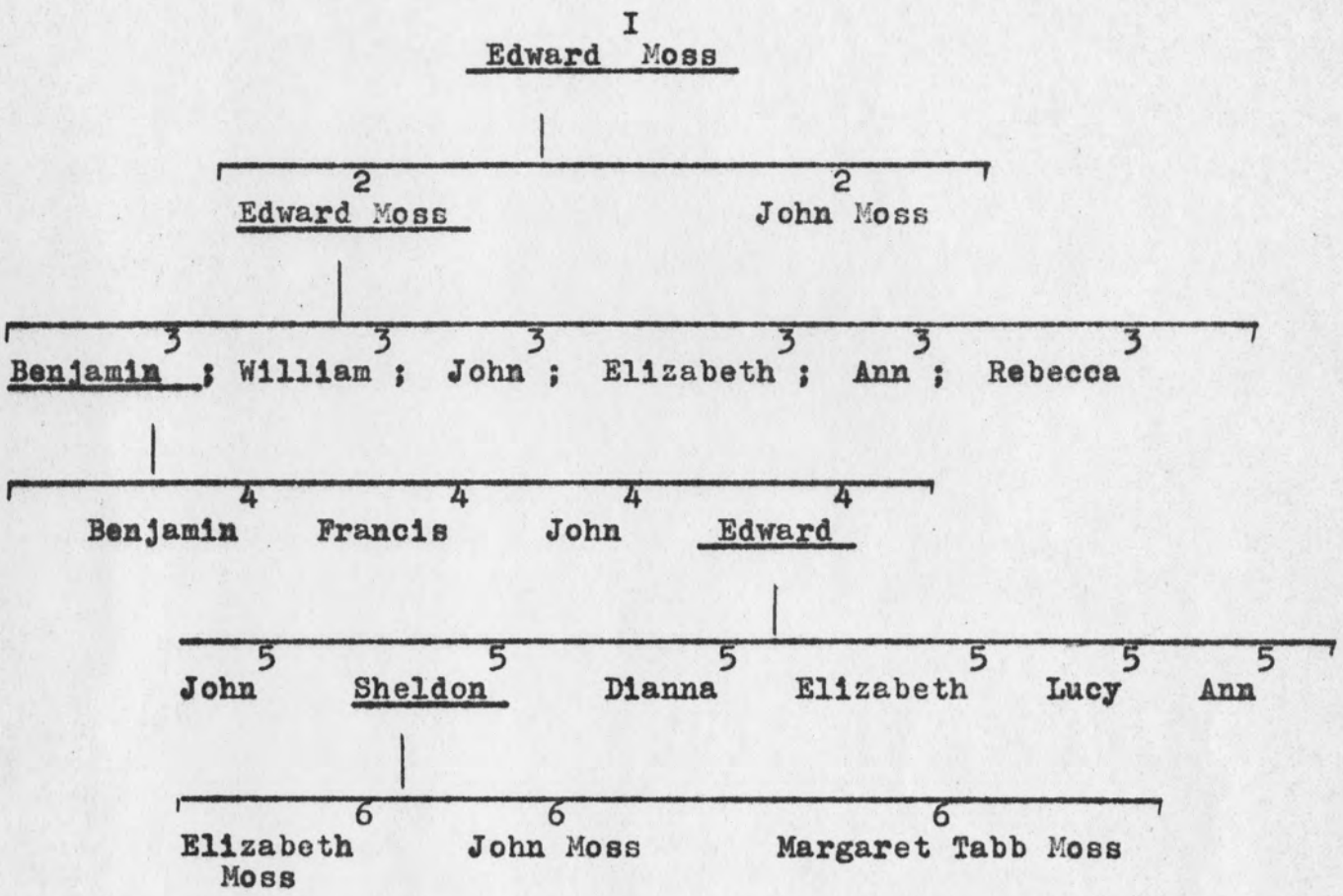

Resume the line of Edward Moss[4]:

B. Sheldon Moss[5] (Ed[4], Ben[3], Ed[2], Ed[I]) married Mary _____, learned from a deed to which they were parties with Allen Jones and his wife Lucy. They sold land to James Davis and the deed was dated February I7, I786.[64] (Lucy Moss Jones mentioned here was a sister of Sheldon Moss.)

A lawsuit on York County records gives the names of Sheldon Moss' children. It concerned the case of Elizabeth Moss, John Moss,

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64. York County Deed Book No. 6 I777-I79I, p. 30I.

and Margaret Tabb Moss "by Sheldon Moss their father and next friend against William Mallory surviving executor of John Allen deceased." August I6, I785 was the date of the court session. The case was dismissed. It appears that these children were due to heir from John Allen and that Mary, their mother, was probably a daughter of Allen.[65]

Issue of Sheldon Moss:

a. Elizabeth Moss[6]

b. John Moss[6]

c. Margaret Tabb Moss[6]

Evidently this family lived in Elizabeth City County. The Charles Parish Register (in York County) bears a record of Margaret Tabb Moss of Elizabeth City County, born August IO, I783 to Sheldon and Mary Moss.

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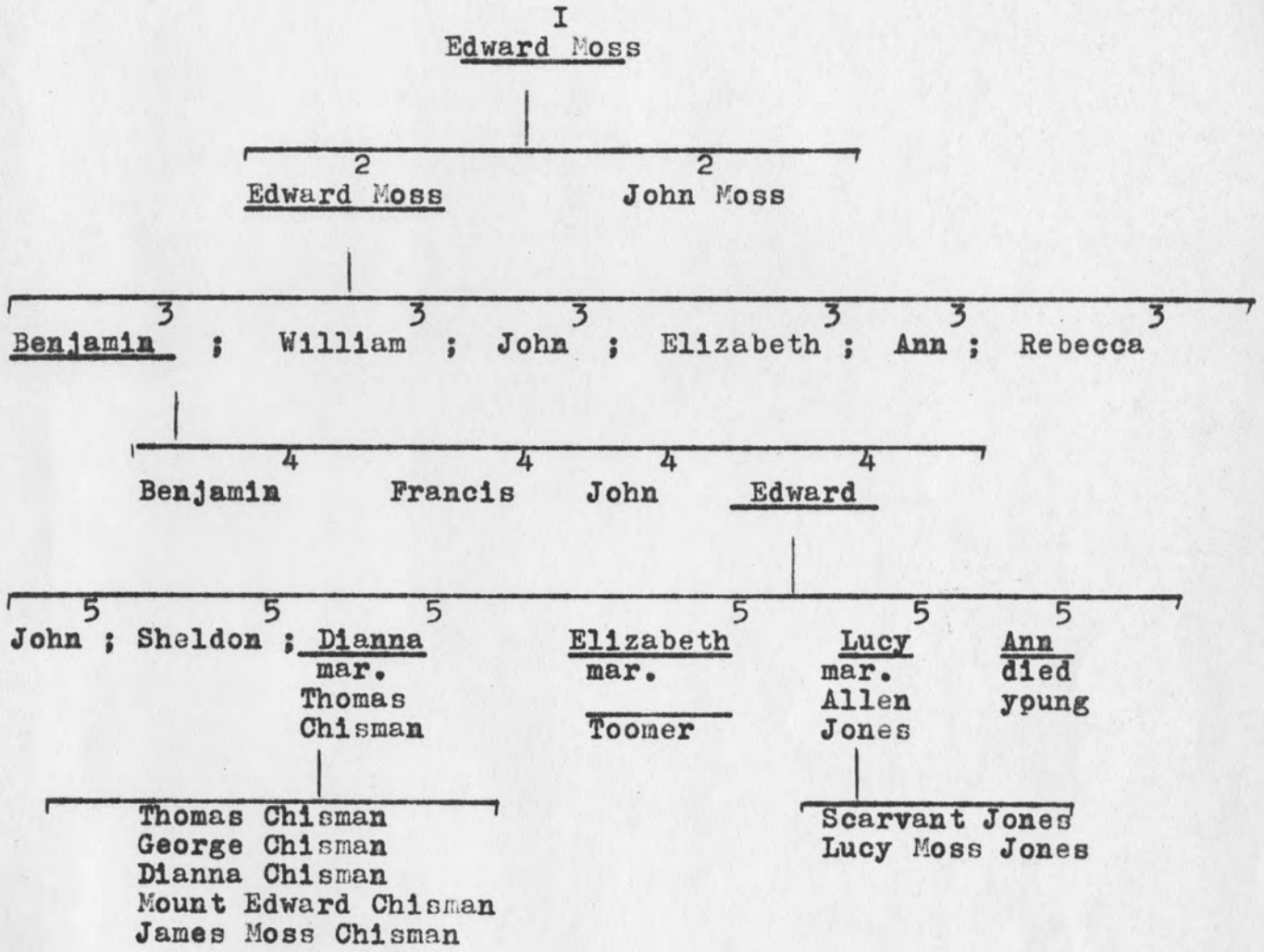
65. York County Orders No. 5 I784-I787, p. 2I3.

PART I --SECTION 7
(Moss Women)



C. Dianna Moss (Ed., Ben., Ed., Ed.) was married to Thomas Chisman before her mother died in I760. She was his second wife, the first one having died April 23, I754.

According to the will of Elizabeth Goodwin Moss, this daughter received the "best bed and furniture and ½ dozen silver spoons." When the estate of her grandfather, John Goodwin, was divided her portion was valued at I05 pounds. (This was slave property.) Thomas Chisman was called "son-in-law" in Elizabeth

Moss' will and was the executor.[66]

The Charles Parish Register gives the names and birthdates of these children of Dianna Moss Chisman and her husband, Thomas Chisman:

a. Thomas[6] Chisman born July 3, I759
b. George[6] Chisman born April 26, I76I
c. John[6] Chisman born April II, I763; died February I4,I782
d. Dianna[6] Chisman born May 5, I765
e. Mount Edward[6] Chisman
f. James[6] Moss Chisman born April 24, I770

D. Elizabeth[5] Moss (Ed.[4], Ben.[3], Ed.[2]; Ed.[I]) was not married when her mother died I760, but was called Elizabeth Toomer by her grandfather, John Goodwin, in his will written I766. John Moss (her brother) and William Garrow, as executors of the estate of John Toomer, deceased, were plaintiffs in a case against Thomas Powell and Thomas Bennett July 20, I789.[67]

E. Lucy[5] Moss (Ed.[4], Ben.[3], Ed.[2], Ed.[I]) was single when her mother died I760. She married Allen Jones, a merchant of Yorktown, February I8, I773 and the York Marriage Bond states her parentage. Allen Jones and wife Lucy, with Sheldon Moss and wife Mary, sold land to James Davis I786. Allen Jones' will, with a codecile dated April 24, I787, clearly indicates that his two youngest children were by this marriage:

a. Scarvant[6] Jones
b. Lucy[6] Moss Jones

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66. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 2I , p. 26.

67. York Co. Orders No. 6, p. I60.

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a. Scarvant Jones born April I785; died April 25, I854 and was a minister. He lived in Williamsburg. An interesting account of his life's work is written up in a book entitled Virginia Baptist Ministers by James B. Taylor and printed in I859.

Tyler's Historical Magazine Vol. 6 page 209 carries some information on Lucy Moss Jones' line. However, there are descrepencies in this material and that given by the Daughters of the American Revolution papers of Miss Helen Crafford. The following is basically Dr. Tyler's research:

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b. Lucy Moss Jones, born I778, married Matthew Wills (born I775; died I827) of Warwick County September 29, I80I. She died at "Briarfield", the home of her daughter, Mrs. Baker P. Lee in I855 and was in the 76th year of her age.

There was a large family. Three sons died in infancy and another son died after reaching maturity. Surviving children (not in order) were:

aa. Thomas Scasbrook Wills

bb. Mathew Miles Wills

cc. Carter Wills

dd. Henry Filmer Wills

ee. Frances Curtis Wills, who married Baker Perkins Lee of York County March 20, I820 and they had Baker P. Lee III; Martha Perkins Lee; Frances Lightfoot Lee; and Wills Lee.

ff. Mildred Wills who married Nathaniel Taylor August 25, I822 and left no issue.

gg. Lucy Scarvant Wills married William Gwilliam Jr. September I5, I828 and they moved west.

hh. Sarah Howard Wills married George Perkins

ii. Anne J. Wills, born May I8I6; died July 28, I882; married Gawin Lane Corbin Salter of Yorktown December 24, I843; children were Eva Mae Salter who married John Henry Crafford and these were parents of Helen Crafford; also Hewitt Salter and Emma Salter.

F. Anne[5] Moss (Ed.[4] , Ben.[3] , Ed.[2] , Ed.[I]) was named in her mother's will in I760 and was single so is a different child from Dianna who was married. However, she was not mentioned in her grandfather's will or settlement. Evidently, she died quite young.

This concluded the material on the line of Benjamin[3] Moss, son of Edward[2] Moss.

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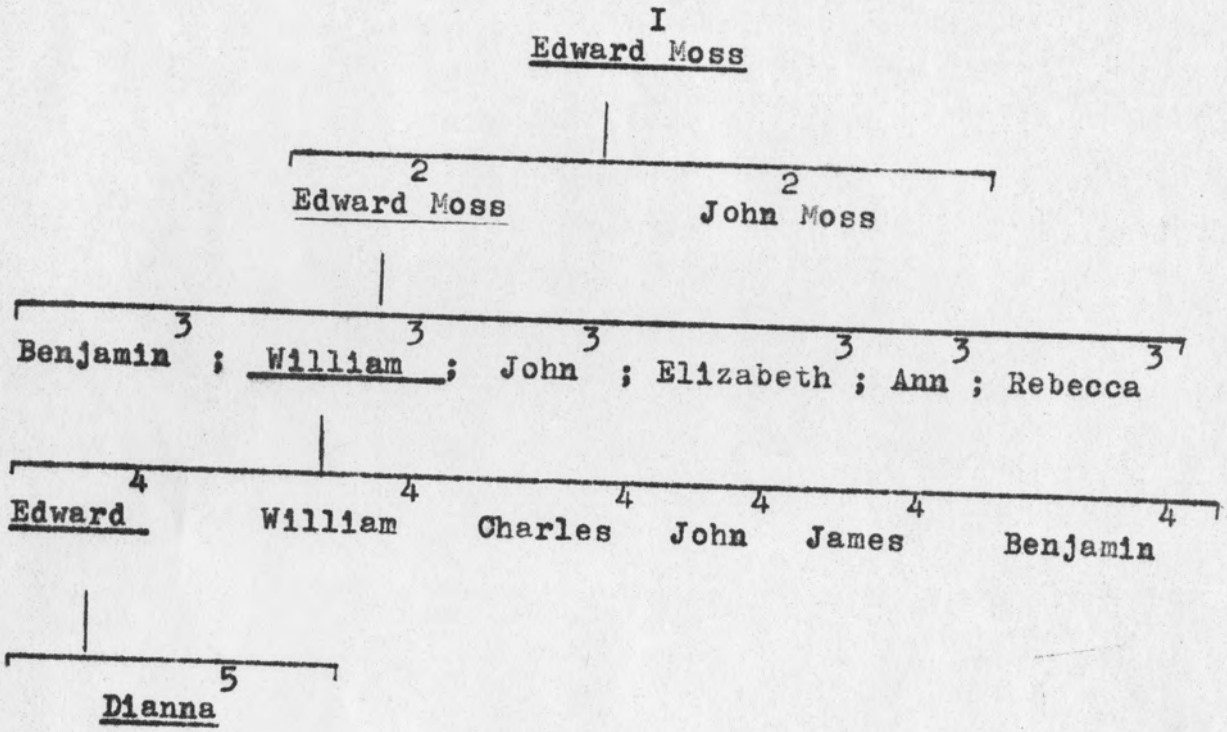

PART 2 : WILLIAM[3] MOSS

William[3] Moss (Edward[2], Edward[1]) was left "all the land on the south side of Cold Spring" by his father's will. He married Elizabeth Goodwin, daughter of Captain John Goodwin (son of James Goodwin) and Elizabeth Moore Goodwin. This marriage is proven by a lengthy lawsuit which tells of this union and also of a subsequent marriage to Robert Kerby.

William[3] Moss left a will probated February I6, I7I8. An excerpt follows:

> I give unto my son Edward Moss all my land which my father, Edward Moss gave me, to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever and in case my son Edward Moss should die before he comes of age twenty-one or without such issue then to my son William and his heirs-----then to my son Charles and his heirs -----
>
> I give unto my son William Moss that 27 acres which I took up and patented to him and his heirs----in case should die before age twenty-one ---then to son Charles Moss----
>
> ----beloved wife Elizabeth Moss during her life two Negroes named Fanny and Peggy and at her decease unto my children---equally divided-----
>
> ---son Edward Moss ---one Negro named Jack and 5 pounds
> ---son William Moss ---one Negro named Will---
> ---son Charles Moss --two Negroes named Namn and Lucy--
>
> wife my feather bed, rug and blankets and furniture during her natural life and in case she marries--- and my children should be abused, then I desire my beloved friend, Mr. Henry Haywood and my brother Benjamin Moss and Mr. James Goodwin to take care of them and their estate as my three brothers---
>
> ---give and bequeath to wife my horse called Spitt and side saddle---
> Witnesses: Nathaniel Hook; Richard Bellance; Benj. Moss[68]

68. York Co. Orders, Wills, etc. No. I5 I7I6-20, p. 397.

This family lived in Charles Parish.

As executor, Elizabeth Moss qualified and Henry Haywood (who was a brother-in-law) and James Goodwin were her bondsmen. She later returned the inventory.[69]

Besides the children mentioned in the will, William Moss had three other children, the births and parentage of each being recorded in the Charles Parish Register. Also, John Goodwin was named the guardian of the twin boys born shortly after the death of their father.[70] Another court order recorded December 20, I725 tells that on the petition of Edward Moss, son of William Moss "John Goodwin was appointed his guardian and that upon the motion of Goodwin, he was also appointed guardian to William, Charles, James, and Benjamin Moss, orphans of William Moss" and Benjamin Moss and John Goodwin were his security.

Elizabeth Moss, who was he daughter of Elizabeth Moore Goodwin and Capt. John Goodwin, received a legacy in her mother's will which should be included because of later events. Here are portions from the will of Elizabeth Goodwin, widow, of York-Hampton Parish:

> I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Moss one Negro named Lawrence and one Negro girl named Lucy Jr. and her increase during the life of her husband-- if my daughter should outlive her husband, then the Negroes above mentioned to her and her heirs forever; but if my daughter Elizabeth Moss die before her husband Moss----then I give the Negroes aforementioned ----equally divided among her children----
>
> Written December 23, I7I8; probated March I4, I7I8/9 [71]

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69. Ibid., pp. 400-40I.

70. Ibid., p. 667.

7I. Ibid., p. 406.

The Charles Parish Register shows the death date for William Moss as January 27, I7I8/I9; the court record indicates that his will was proved February I6, I7I8/I9. His widow (though she had remarried) died June I727.

Issue of William[3] Moss:

I. Edward[4] Moss born October 8, I7I0 .
2. William[4] Moss
3. Charles[4] Moss
4. John[4] Moss born January 2, I7I7; died in infancy.
5. James[4] Moss born August 23, I7I9.
6. Benjamin[4] Moss born August 23, I7I9.

I. Edward[4] Moss (William[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was born October 8, I7I0 according to the Charles Parish Register. Rachael Goodwin Wise, in her will of I7I9, named her sister, Elizabeth Moss and also Edward Moss. On February 2I, I725 he asked the court to name John Goodwin his guardian.[72] On November 20, I732 he petitioned the court for the slaves in his father's estate to be divided among him and his four brothers.

He married Elinor _____.

Edward[4] Moss died I737 and Elinor Moss got letters for administering the estate at the January 2I, I737/38 session of court. (The Charles Parish Register has the death record of "Edward Moss, son of William, died May 3, I737."

At the court session held July I6, I737 it was reported. "Elinor Moss, relict of Edward Moss, left no will."[73]

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72. Ibid., p. 369.

73. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. I8, p. 402.

Recalling the will of Elizabeth Goodwin, the following court record is included for information and general interest:

> Diana Moss, an infant, by William Moss her next friend, plaintiff against Edward Moss, defendant:
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> Elizabeth Goodwin was siezed and possessed---of two slaves---Lawrence and Lucy Junior---and by her last will and testament---bearing date 23 December I7I8 devided as follows
> Item:---which will is duly proved---and after the death of Elizabeth Goodwin, William Moss and the said Elizabeth his wife , by virtue of the devise aforesaid became siezed and possessed of the two slaves---and being so siezed the said William Moss died, after whose death, the said Elizabeth, the Devisee, married Robert Kerby, who thereupon became possessed of said slaves and so being possessed died in the month of June I727 intestate . We find that the said Elizabeth the Devisee, died in the life of her husband, Robert Kerby, that the plaintiff is the only child and heir of Edward Moss, Junior, who was the oldest son and heir of Elizabeth Moss, the devisee, in the will of Elizabeth Goodwin mentioned also heir at law of her first husband William Moss. That after the death of Robert Kerby and Elizabeth his wife, the said Edward Moss, Junior being possessed of the said Lucy Junior and her increase died so possessed in the year I738 intestate, after whose death, Bennett Kerby, as guardian of Robert Kerby, eldest son and heir of Robert Kerby, second husband of Elizabeth, the devisee, took the said slaves from the plantation of said Edward Moss, Junior. That the plaintiff is now eighteen years old. We find that the said Lucy Junior had Grace Jane who has had Grace Lucy which two slaves are in the possession of the defendant who purchased them of Robert Kerby, eldest son and heir of Robert Kerby, the second husband of the said Elizabeth Moss, the devisee, in the year I744 and has possessed them ever since----law finds for the plaintiff---and one shilling damages---. 74

Dianna Moss (Edward^{5} , William^{4} , Edward^{3} , Edward^{2}) was born I735 according to the preceeding court record. Charles Parish Register shows her birthday as December 22, I735.

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74. York County Judgements and Orders I752-54, p. 4I5.

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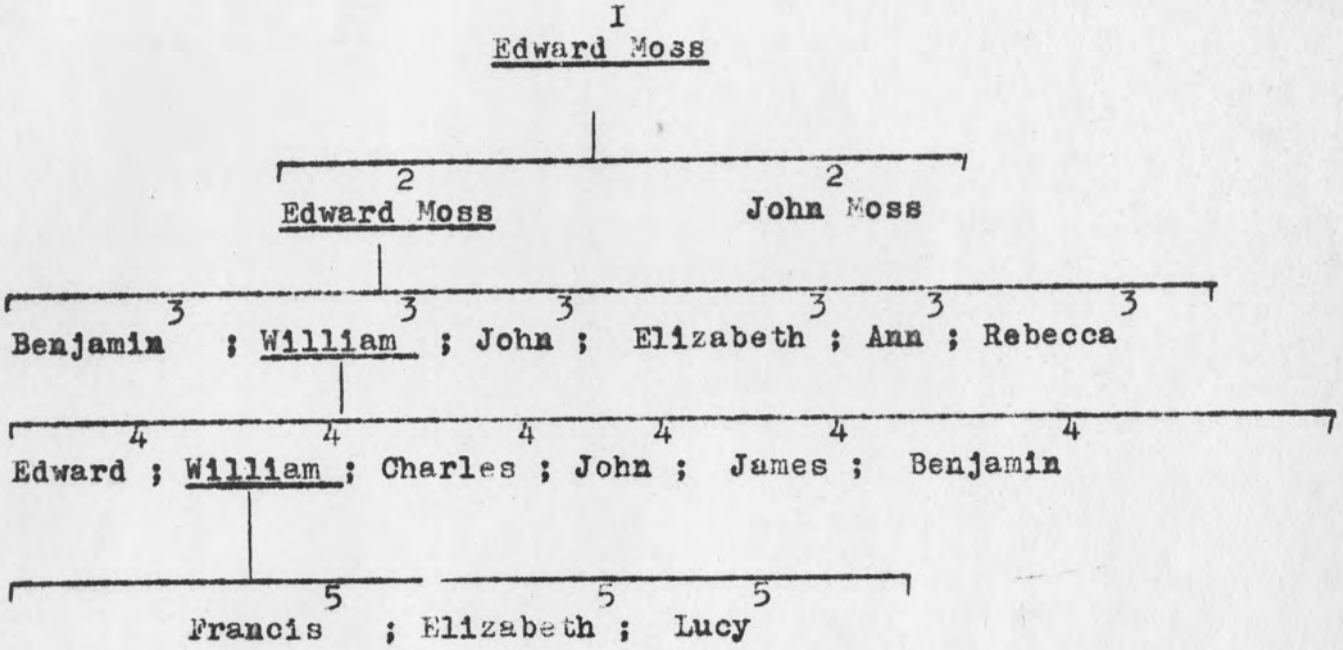

2. William Moss, Junior (William[4], Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was born around I7I2. (He was the second son according to the listing of children in their father's will.) A court record shows that William Moss, son of William Moss, chose Robert Ballard his guardian with John Goodwin and Henry Wythe securities to take care of the orphan and further bound him to learn the carpenter and joiner trade and to have him taught to read and write. Ballard was to have the work of Moss' slave. This agreement was entered into February I9, I727.[75]

He married Frances _____. Charles Parish Register has the record of the parentage and birthdate of these:

(I) Francis[5] Moss born May 28, I759

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75. York Co. Orders and Wills I720-I729, p. 502.

(2) Elizabeth[5] Moss born February 26, I76I

(3) Lucy[5] Moss born August 20, I762

William[4] Moss died I772. No will was left, but the inventory dated August I7, I772 was returned at the October I9, I772 court session. William Cary, John Hay, and John Chisman were the commissioners. There were no slaves mentioned in his personal estate.[76]

(I) Francis Moss[5], son of William Moss[4] (William[3], Edward[2], Edward I[I]) was a merchant. Here is a deed bearing out this fact:

> July 20, I789: Samuel Eddens and Anne his wife to Francis Moss ---for 300 pounds---five eighths of a lot in Yorktown---occupied by Moss, Cabarrius,and Co.-- store and old house on same lot opposite the court house-- with that half of the kitchen and 5/8 of the garden-- bounded on east by the court house , on the west by westside of court house lot, by Main Street running through town on the north. (Same lot purchased of John Gibbons Senior,ddeceased.) 77

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76. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 22 I77I-I783, p. I30.

77. York Co. Deed Book No. 6, p. 42I.

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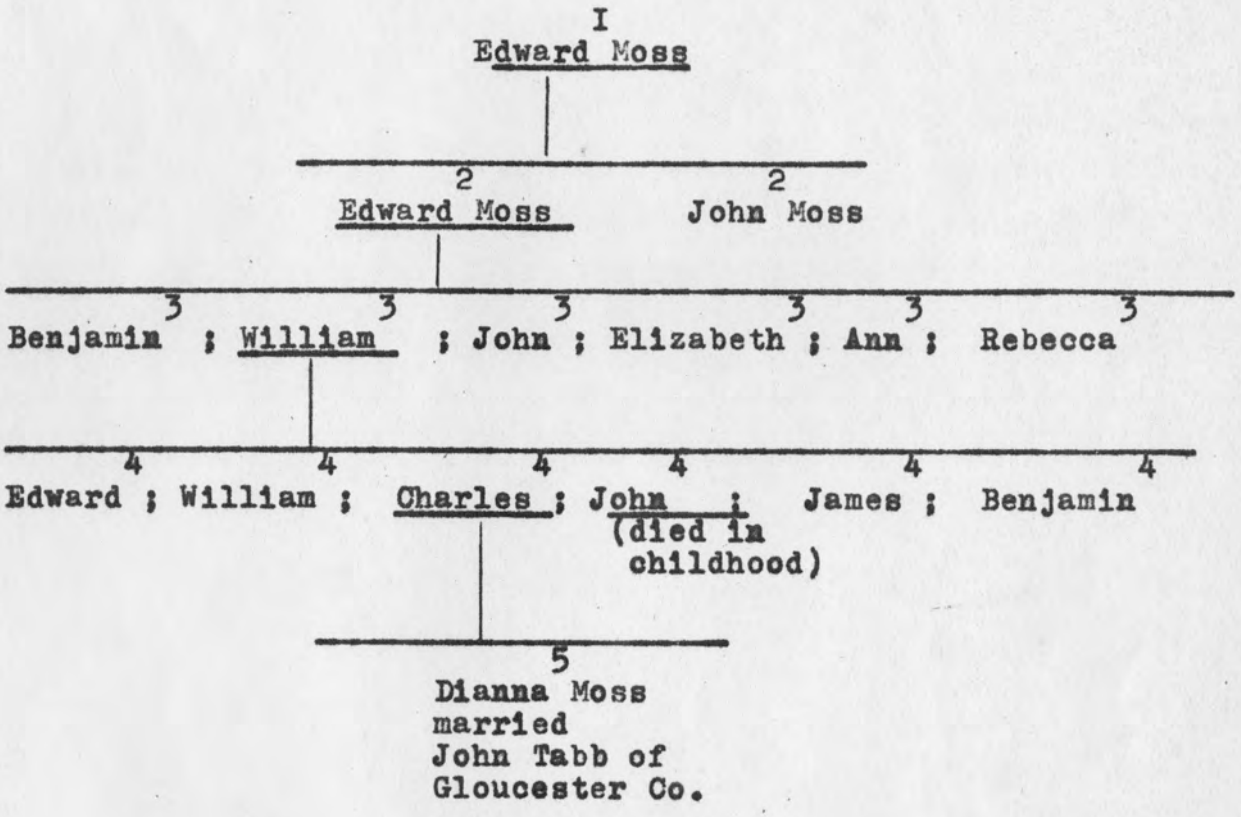

3. Charles Moss (William, Edward, Edward) was born around 1714. He married and had a daughter, Dianna Moss. He left a will written November 4, 1740, in which he designated his brother William Moss as sole executor and gave him his estate. He lived in Charles Parish. At the December 15, 1760 session of court, William Moss (named executor) presented the will. (Note the twenty years lapse in time.) The court that day ordered John Tabb and Dianna his wife, heir at law of the testator be summoned to contest the proof of the will at the next session of court. In January 1761, the case was thus handled:

> ----upon the hearing of the said John Tabb and Dianna his wife and the said William Moss the

executor, by their council and upon---examination of Thomas Pescud, Robert Smith, Edward Tabb, Henry Howard, and James Moss as witnesses, it was the opinion of the court that the said will was the last will and testament of Charles Moss, deceased, and was ordered to be recorded. James Moss said that he was familiar with his brother's writing and that it was really Charles Moss' handwriting. 78

Charles Moss[4] had ~~a daughter~~ no issue, ~~Dianna Moss who married John Tabb.~~ Dianna[5] his niece was his legal heir.

4. John Moss[4] (William[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was born January 2, I7I7 according to the Charles Parish Register. However, he died in childhood for he was not mentioned in his father's will, nor was a guardian appointed for him.

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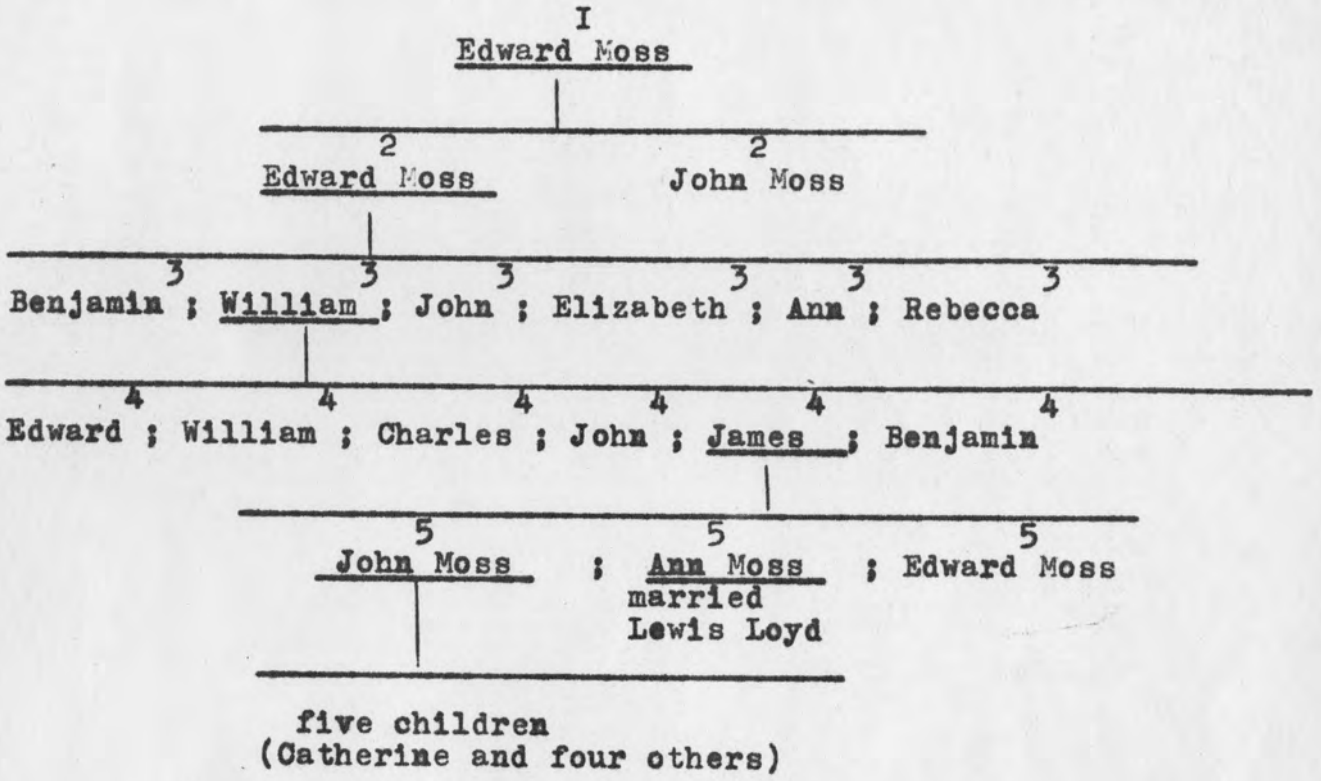
78. York County Wills and Inventories No. 2I, p. 32.

PART 2-- SECTION 4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Edward Moss
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Benjamin ; William ; John ; Elizabeth ; Ann ; Rebecca
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Edward ; William ; Charles ; John ; James ; Benjamin
5 5 5
John Moss ; Ann Moss married Lewis Loyd ; Edward Moss
five children
(Catherine and four others)

5. James Moss (William[4], Edward[3], Edward[2]) was born August 23, I7I9 and his birthday and parentage are recorded in the Charles Parish Register .(He was a twin to Benjamin Moss.) His father died a few months prior to his birth. A deed of gift dated July I8, I720 states that Elizabeth Moss, widow, of Charles Parish, because of love and affection for her sons James and Benjamin Moss, gave them 25 pounds of current money.[79]

He married Catherine Chisman (born July 3I, I729 states Charles Parish Register), daughter of John Chisman and his wife, Mary Phillipson Chisman. Dr. Robert Phillipson's will was proved in York County court March I7, I745. In this he named his daughters, Mary Chisman and Dorothy Cary; also grand-daughters Catherine

79. York Co. Deeds and Bonds No. 3 I7I3-I729, p. 339.

Chisman and Anne Chisman. When John Chisman died about I758, his property was divided so that James Moss and Thomas Pescud (who married Anne Chisman) each received I/3 of the property.[80] All of this proves the marriage of James Moss and Catherine Chisman between I745 and I758. (For Chisman material see William and Mary College Quarterly, Vol. II (I), page 89; also Tyler's Magazine Vol. 6, page I47.)

Here are portions of James Moss' will:

> I give and bequeath to my son John Moss all my land and all its pertenants therein belonging and in case of his decease without lawful heirs---then to descend to his brother Edward Moss and in case of his decease ----then to descend to their sister Ann Moss and in case of her decease then to my brother William Moss -----
> I leave my negroes in the care of my executor until either one of my children come of lawful age or marries and then to be equally divided between my before named children: John Moss, Edward Moss, and Anne Moss-----
> proved November I5, I762
>
> Witnesses: Edward Wright
> John Harvey
> William Adduston Rogers [81]

William Moss, the executor, had John Gibbons and John Wagstaff as his securities.[82]

James Moss died I762. The division of his property dated December 2I, I772 follows:

		£	sh	p	
Harvey	value	75	0	0	
James, a boy	"	25	0	0	
Nanny, a girl	"	45	0	0	
Betty, a woman	"	60	0	0	
Lucy, an old wench	"	I5	0	0	
		220	0	0	taken by John Moss
		6	I3	4	cash to be paid to Anne's part
		2I3	6	8	JOHN'S part

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80. William & Mary Col. Qtly. Vol. I4(I) p. II6 footnote.

8I. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 2I, p. II6. 82. ibid.

		£	sh	p	
Ben	value	75	0	0	
Isaac, a boy	"	55	0	0	
Will, a child	"	I5	0	0	
Alice, a woman	"	60	0	0	
		205	0	0	taken by Anne Loyd
		8	6	8	
		2I3	6	8	ANNE'S part
----, a boy	"	65	0	0	
Lewis, a boy	"	60	0	0	
Charles, a boy	"	20	0	0	
Celia, a wench and young child	"	70	0	0	
		2I5	0	0	taken by guardian for Edward Moss, orphan
		I	I3	4	cash to be paid to Anne's part
		2I3	6	8	EDWARD'S part
Total amount		640	0	0	
For each child's part		2I3	6	8	

Ben, an old fellow, valued 20 pounds
Patt, a wench valued 40 "

60 " to be sold to pay estate debts.

Returned: January I773

signed: William Moss
Allen Chapman
Edmund Curtis 83

(I) John[5] Moss, oldest son of James[4] Moss, was of age by I772; (he assumed ownership of his slave property.) He married Anne _____. In a deed dated December 20, I784 John Moss and Anne his wife freed their slaves and also took necessary

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83. York County Wills and Inventories No. 22, p. I40.

measures to insure their freedom:

> Betty, age 42 years
> Nanny, age I9; also five others in their minority by name:
> James, who will be 2I years June I, I789
> Alice, who will be I8 years January 7, I792
> Francis, who will be 2I years December 28, I793
> Isaac, who will be 2I years November 2I, I802
> Lucy, who will be I8 years November I0, I802

These were "emancipated and liberated" in the presence of Thomas Chisman and Edward Moss.[84] (The names of these Negroes and those owned formerly by James Moss, deceased, help to identify this John Moss as his son.)

John Moss was an executor of the will of his brother, Edward Moss in May I786.

The Charles Parish Register has recorded the birth of Lewis Moss born June 27, I772 and gives his parentage as John and Anne Moss, but nothing more is read about him.

John Moss died January I79I and at the April I8, I79I session of court this business was transacted:

> On motion of Mount Edward Chisman who made oath---with William Patrick and Henry Charles securities, certificate for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of John Moss, senior, deceased, in due form---was granted.
>
> Katy, infant orphan of John Moss, senior, chose Mount Edward Chisman, her guardian---whereupon William Patrick and Henry Charles, his securities--gave bond 80 pounds current money for securing the estate of the said orphan.[85]

The settlement of the estate of John Moss, deceased, with M. Edward Chisman administrator used January I79I as the starting date for accounts against the estate. An interesting item in the record shows that he paid to Thomas Chisman balance on the account

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84. York Co. Deed Book No. 6, p. 253.

85. York County Orders Book No. 6, p. 354.

for the schooling of the children---9 pounds 5 shillings . The commissioners had this to say:

> We have examined the account of Edward Chisman as administrator of the estate of John Moss, deceased, and find a balance due the orphans of said decedent the sum of I05--I2--I0. [86]

This was divided so that each of the five children received 21--2--6 and 3/4, [87] but the names of the orphans were not given.

Catherine (Katy) Moss[6] had to be fourteen years of age to choose her own guardian. There is a marriage record in York County for Catherine Moss and Georga Armistead dated November 21, I795.

(2) Anne Moss[5], daughter of James[4] Moss and Catherine Chisman Moss, was married to Lewis Loyd December 21, I772 according to a York Marriage Bond. In the division of her father's slaves, she was called Anne Loyd.

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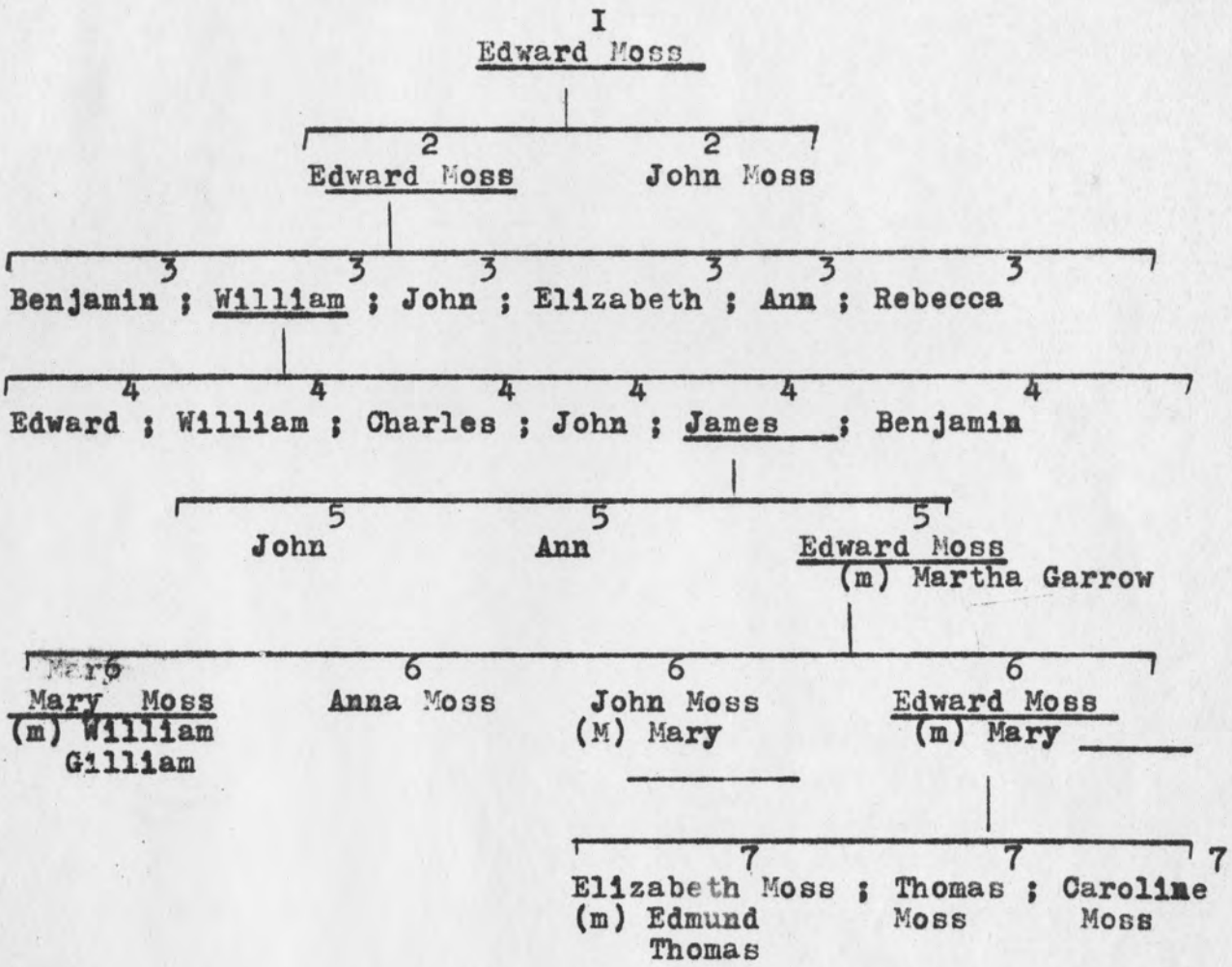
86. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 527.

87. Ibid.

PART 2--SECTION 5



(3) Edward Moss[5], son of James Moss[4] (William[3], Edward[2], Edward I[1]) and Catherine Chisman Moss, was underage when division of his father's slave property was made in I772. In I779 John Garrow was appointed his guardian; he married Garrow's daughter, Martha Garrow. His will written February 2I, I786 was probated May I5, I786. In this he named his wife, Martha; his four children; he designated his father-in-law John Garrow and his brother John Moss as executors; he also mentioned "wife's brother, William Garrow."[88]

88. Ibid., p. II2.

Issue of Edward[5] Moss as named in his will:

A. Mary[6] Moss

B. Anna[6] Moss

C. John[6] Moss

D. Edward[6] Moss

A court order dated August 2I, I797 called for a division of the slaves and the personal property of Edward Moss and the report returned to the court March I9, I798 tells more about the family:

Ist division: to Robert Belvin in right of his wife, Martha ----------Peter, valued at	75	pound
To pay fourth division ----------	6	"
	69	"
2nd division: to Anne Moss-------- Jesse, valued	70	"
To pay fourth division ----------	I	"
	69	"
3rd. division: to John Moss ------- Lewis, valued	70	"
To pay fourth division ----------	I	"
	69	"
4th division: to Edward Moss ------ Grace, valued	50	"
To receive from Ist div. ----------	6	"
" " " 2nd " ----------	I	"
" " " 3rd " ----------	I	"
" " " 5th " ----------	II	"
	69	"
5th division: to William Gilliam in right of his wife Mary ----------Tawney, valued	50	"
Celia, "	30	"
To pay ----------	[illegible]	"
	II	"
	69	"

Each legatee will receive the sum of I2--4--7 as his portion of the personal estate.
Signed: Robert Sheild; John Gayle; Thomas Pescud 89

89. York Co. Orders Book No. 5 I784-87, p. 497.

> Returned unto York County Court March 20, I798 and established between the parties in the suit in chancery then determined between William Gilliam and Mary his wife plaintiffs versus William Garrow and John Garrow, executors of Edward Moss, Junior, deceased, Robert Belvin and Martha his wife, John Moss, Ann Moss, and Edward Moss, infant children of the said Edward Moss, Junior, deceased, defendants. 90

The widow, Martha Garrow Moss, married secondly, Robert Belvin as herein stated.

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A. Mary Moss was called "eldest daughter" by her father in his will. William Gilliam was named her guardian February 20, I797 and York County marriage bond was dated March 4, I797, showing that they were later married.

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B. Anna Moss "orphan of Edward Moss" had William Garrow as her guardian December I8, I797 and he continued to act as such through I800.

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C. John Moss was born I783-I784. A receipt from him to his guardian dated October 2I, I805 was proved and recorded. 9I This proves he had reached age twenty-one years. (William Garrow was also his guardian from I797 until late I800.)

He married Mary _____ according to a deed which also helps to identify these people:

> John Moss and Mary, (his wife), (selling) to William Tabb for 50 pounds -- I0 acres--in Yorkhampton Parish bounded on the east by main road to Crab Neck; west by marsh; north by lanf of William Tabb; south by Allen Chapman--being part bequeathed to William Garrow under the last will of the late John Garrow. October 20, I8I7. 92

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90. Ibid.

9I. York Co. Orders No. 8 I803-I8I4, p. I00.

92. York Co. Deed Book No. 8, p. 404.

The I850 census (York County, Virginia) shows that John Moss was 67 years old at the time and his wife, Mary was 63 years, thus being born I787.

A deed dated January 7, I847 indicates that he bought one hundred acres from R. Throckmorton.[93]

Apparently there were no children since he will his estate to his wife, Mary Kemp Moss. Edmund T. Wynne and Cary W. Crockett were named executors. The dates were February I2, I858; April I9, I859.[94]

Mary Kemp Moss gave all of her real estate to her negro slaves namely: Louisa, Jane, Nancy, Polly, and Sam. (These took the surname Moss.) She requested that the "land be equally among them and that none should ever sell or dispose of the same, but keep it in the different families named above so that the young children and their heirs may enjoy the benefits." She further stated, "I give to Lucy the daughter of Nancy my bed and furniture---all the clothes to Louisa and Jane----my cloak to Polly----stock of cattle; ----decently buried out of any money that may be found in my possessions at my death." Wesley James was designated as executor and the will was witnessed by Cyrus W. James, W.B. Gray, and William Hornsby. It was writtem April 4, I863 and was probated September 26, I866.[95]

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93. York Co. Deed Book No. I2, p. 340.

94. York Co. Will Book No. I3, p. 372.

95. Ibid., p. 459.

D. Edward Moss[6] was born before I785. In I799 William Garrow, his uncle, was named his guardian and remained as such through I806. He married Mary _____; he died I8I3. Mary Moss made oath with Richard Garrett and John Garrett her securities for settling the administration of her late husband, Edward Moss, deceased. That was February I5, I8I3.[96] A deed shows some of this same information:

> -- Mary Moss, widow and relict of Edward Moss, late of York County---for love and affection for her children Elizabeth and Thomas Moss --all the estate---I am entitled to by the death of my daughter Caroline be equally divided between them---Elizabeth --(given) one silver milk pot and six teaspoons----
> Thomas--(given) six teaspoons---
> My sister, Elizabeth Patrick---a negro named Milly--.
> March I0, I8I5. [97]

Another deed gives additional information about these people:

> August 25, I826
> Thomas Moss and John Bennett and Mary his wife, late Mary Moss one part and John Curtis other part---for $350--tract in Charles Parish near the Grafton meeting house---same which Edward Moss, father of said Thomas Moss and former husband of said Mary died siezed and possessed and upon which he resided at the time of his death---- I00 acres---and it descended to Thomas Moss and his sister Elizabeth, now wife of Edmund C. Thomas on equal portions, subject to the dower right of said Mary Bennett, one of the parties hereto---Edmund Thomas and wife have conveyed their part to Thomas Moss--- [98]

Issue of Edward Moss (Edward[6], James[5], William[4], Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]):

a.[7] Elizabeth Moss who married Edmund C. Thomas November 9, I825 (marriage bond) with Rev. Cyrus B. James officiating.

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96. York County Orders No. 8 I803-I8I4, p. 550.

97. York County Deed Book No. 8, p. 33I.

98. York County Deed Book No. II, p. I75.

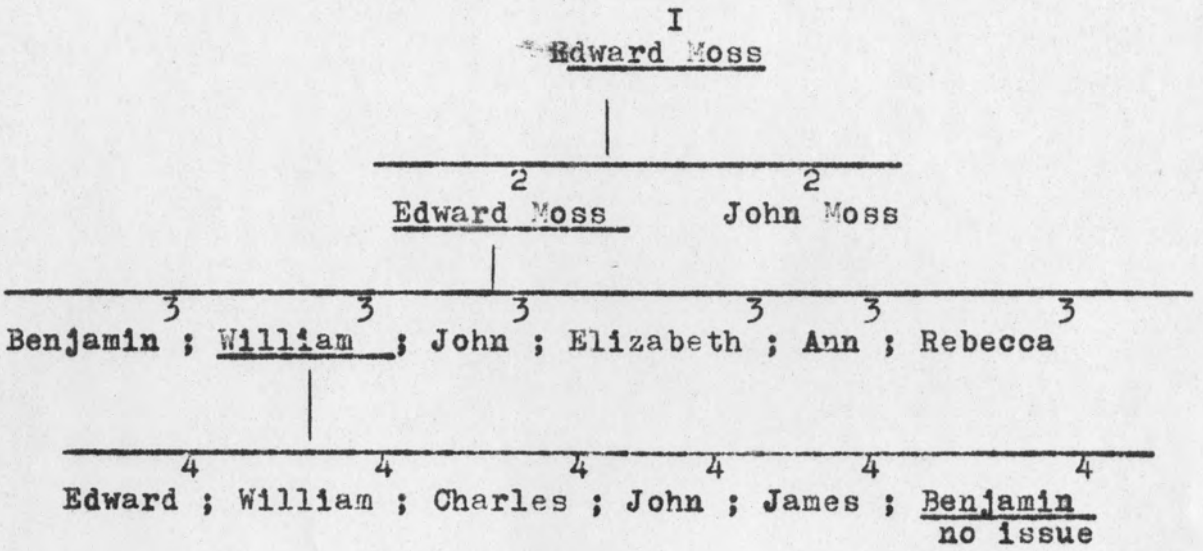
Edmund C. Thomas was a grandson of Edmund Curtis.

b. Thomas Moss[7] evidently moved to Warwick County when he sold his property to Mr. Curtis. Warwick County Census for I850 show a Thomas Moss of age 4I years (being born I808-I809). It states that he was born in York County. He was a carpenter by trade.

c. Caroline Moss[7] died in infancy.

Mary Moss, widow of Edward Moss and mother of the children just considered, married secondly John Bennett. The I850 census for York County records a Mary Bennett of age 65 (b. I785) and persons named Wood, Garrett, and Moss lived in the same household.

PART 2--SECTION 6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Edward Moss
2
Edward Moss
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John Moss
3 3 3 3 3 3
Benjamin ; William ; John ; Elizabeth ; Ann ; Rebecca
4 4 4 4 4 4
Edward ; William ; Charles ; John ; James ; Benjamin
no issue

6. Benjamin Moss (William[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was a twin to James, being born August 23, I7I9. Apparently he did not marry. He left a will dated December I5, I766 and probated September I8, I768 in which he appointed his brother William Moss whole and sole executor. He named no children. He left to this brother the remaining part of the estate after all debts were paid. Matthew Hubbard was witness to the will.[99]

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99. York County Wills and Inventories No. 2I, p. 432.

PART 3 --SECTION I

I
Edward Moss

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Edward Moss John Moss

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Benjamin ; William ; John ; Elizabeth ; Ann ; Rebecca

he had IO children
here are 8

4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Edward ; Benjamin ; Amy ; Mary ; Ann ; Elizabeth ; Jane ; Rebecca

(Our line)

John Moss[3] (Edward[2], Edward[1]) : The rent roll for York County in 1704 credits John Moss with having 150 acres. According to his father's will, written July 16, 1715, he was supposed to heir a plantation where the father lived except for portions designated for two brothers. The will was proved December 17, 1716.

On June 24, 1709 he was appointed constable for the lower precinct of Yorkhampton Parish.[100] Another record shows that he preferred claims for having taken up "a run away man from James City County"[101] October 1711.

He married Elizabeth _____.

John Moss[3] died in 1716 a short while prior to his father's death. He left a will which was written January 17, 1710/11 and was probated February 18, 1716, an excerpt being given:

> I, John Moss of Yorkhampton Parish---leave to--
> my son, Edward Moss --all the tract or tracts
> lying in New Kent County belonging to me -----
> If my son Edward (died) ---I give the land to
> son Benjamin Moss ------
> wife Elizabeth Moss the best bed and furniture
> forever----
> lend wife --Tony to work for her during her widow-
> hood for her support and maintenance and if in case
> she alters her condition by marriage, the said Negro
> ----to be lawfully appraised and the produce thereof
> to return to my estate---
> Item: I give and bequeath all my negroes together
> with all my personal estate be equally divided
> between my wife and children .
> Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my two loving
> friends, Lawrence Smith and William Sheldon whole
> and sole executors.[102]

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100. York Co. Orders, Wills, etc., No. 14 1709-1716, p. 15.

101. Ibid., p. 116.

102. York Co. Orders, Wills, etc., No. 15 1716-1720, p. 83.

The two men designated as executors did not desire to act in that capacity so at the court held February I8, I7I6, after the will was proved by the witnesses, Richard Sclater and William Sheldon, they relinquished that right.[I03] A month later, at the March I8, I7I6 session of court, the widow, Elizabeth Moss "relict of John Moss, deceased, on her petition---with Henry Haywood and William Sheldon her securities--entered bond-- and acknowledged the administration" and was granted certificate to complete the settlement.[I04] John Chapman, Peter Goodwin, Thomas Chisman, and Edmund Curtis or any three were named to appraise the estate "of John Moss for Elizabeth Moss, the administratrix."[I05]

Because John[3] Moss is an ancestor of the writer, the inventory of his estate is included as an added interest:

I8 March I7I7; made by Thomas Chisman, Peter Goodwin, and John Chapman.

9 cows,I bull, 2 young steers, 3 yearlings, 2 sucking calves	I7-- 0-- 0
53 head of hogs, 4 sucking pigs	I5--I0-- 0
2 horses	5-- 0-- 0
I4 head of sheep	4-- 4-- 0
I old small feather bed & furniture; I old trundle bedstead	2--I5-- 0
I old feather bed & furniture, bedstead; cord	4-- 0-- 0
2 small feather beds & some covering	3--I0-- 0
2 osbery sheets, I coarse old sheet, I woolen rug	I-- 0-- 0
I old tablecloth; II old napkins; course & fine	0-- 5-- 0
6 towels; I diaper tablecloth; I2 napkins	I-- 5-- 0
I old coarse tablecloth; I2 old napkins	0-- 8-- 0
I white Hartford tablecloth; 6 Dowlas napkins-	0-- 8-- 0
24 yds cloth--blue	0--I6-- 0
5 yds white dimity; 3 ells white ?erb	0-- 9-- 8
about 9 ells coarse sheeting; 7 yds red cotton	I-- 4-- 0
3 yds worsted stuff & a piece of serge	0-- 4-- 0
4 pairs Irish stockings; I lb brown thread	0-- 7-- 6
½ lb white thread; remnants of thread	0-- 4-- 6
8½ doz. mixed buttons;I knott Drum line cotton	0-- 6-- 0
about 3 sticks mohair	0-- I-- 0
--bags, old & new; Canow Sale	0--I0-- 0

I03. Ibid., p. 80 I04. ibid., p. 92 I05. ibid.

2 old Canows	0 -- 5-- 0
55 pounds worn pewter; ½ doz. spoons	2 -- 7-- 0
II old chairs; I table	3 -- 2-- 0
6 old chests; I old box	2 -- 0-- 0
I49 lbs old pots	2 -- 0-- 0
2 iron candlesticks;2 skillets--I brass, I bell metal	0 --I2-- 0
35 lb pot racks; tongs; shovels	0 -- 8-- 9
37 lb of old brass	I -- 7-- 9
2 bell metal spice, mortor & 3 pessles	0 --I0-- 0
I old stew pan	0 -- I-- 6
2 old frying pans	0 -- 5-- 0
I looking glass; 4 drinking glasses	0 -- 3-- 0
I parcel of old books	0 -- 5-- 0
I warming pan; 2 pr sheep shears	0 -- 4-- 0
I small gun; I studded head cane	I -- 5-- 0
I iron spit; I small leather trunk	0 -- 7-- 6
3 old boxes; I old punch bowl	0 -- I-- 0
6 case knives & folks; parcel of razors, pens, knives	0 --I0-- 0
I box of iron & heaters	0 -- 2-- 0
I parcel of tubs, pails, piggins, churns-	I -- 0-- 0
I parcel old sifters	0 -- 2-- 0
I bushel salt; 6 milk trays	0 -- 5-- 0
3 green hides & parcel old furs	0 --I0-- 0
3½ doz glass bottles;parcel earthenware	0 -- 5-- 0
nails and 20 ditto	0 --I5-- 0
parcel old coopers & carpenters tools---	I -- 5-- 0
55 lbs old iron wedges, axes, etc	0 -- 9-- 6
5 sides sole leather; 4 of upper leather	2 -- 0-- 0
I parcel old pistols & holsters; 2 stillards	0 --I0-- 0
3 Lydes(?); 2 bbl	I -- 0-- 0
parcel old tubs---I6	I -- 0-- 0
2 iron pestles	0 -- 5-- 9
2 small deed skins half dressed	0 -- 3-- 0
2 woollen wheels; 3 pr wool cards etc.--	0 --I6-- 0
I0 lb cotton in seed; 6 lb suet	0--- 8-- 6
4 lbs washed wool; 2 grindstones	I -- 2-- 6
I mare's saddle and bridle	0 -- 8-- 0
2 old Negroes: Harry & Bess	30 -- 0-- 0
I Negro boy Tom 4 yrs old	I8 -- 0-- 0
3 Negro girls ages abt. 7, 4, & 2	50 -- 0-- 0
I Negro man named George;Neg. woman Hannah	65 -- 0-- 0
I2 lb feathers	0 -- 9-- 0
I old iron pot;old iron frying pan	0 -- 6-- 0
small bed canvas --?with some furniture	I -- 0-- 0
I5 fathams old rope; I oldwife gig	
I parcel fleming net	0 -- 5-- 0
I parcel negroes' bedding	0 -- 5-- 0
6 swine;3 sheep;3 cows;2 calves	4 -- 2-- 0
I0 bbl crockers	0 -- 5-- 0
abt 6 sides beef; 2 bbl	I --I0-- I
parcel old tubs	0 -- 5-- 0
65 penny weight of old silver	0 --I3-- 0
Total	259 -- 4-- 9

Turned in May 20, I7I7

I06

I06. Ibid., p. II7.

John Moss named only two children in his will: Edward and Benjamin Moss. On July 20, I730 the court heard this complaint:

> Edward Moss, son of John Moss, deceased, petitioned for his part of his deceased father's estate in the hands of Elizabeth Moss, the executrix---court ordered Elizabeth---be summoned to appear---at next Court. I07

In accordance with the aforementioned order, at the August I7, I730 session of court, on the motion of Elizabeth Moss, executrix of John Moss, deceased, Lawrence Smith, Thomas Nelson, and William Stark were asked to examine state---the estate of John Moss, deceased and report.[I08] By September this work was being processed and it was ordered, on the motion of Edward Tabb and Robert Armistead, that the "executrix Elizabeth Moss surrender to them so much of the said estate as will satisfy the orphans part."[I09] Those in charge of the settlement and division reported later in that month that the estate had been divided so that each of ten children got I9 pounds I3 shillings and one pence; the widow also received her share.[II0]

Elizabeth Moss, widow of John Moss,[3] also left a will in which other Moss children were mentioned:

> my daughter, Amy Moss (left) a slave Phillis--
> son, Benjamin Moss---cattle and livestock---
> daughter, Mary--best bed and furniture--lend mare and side saddle to two daughters as long as they are unmarried----
> my five children: Edward Moss, Ann Palmer, Elizabeth Burcher, Jane Armistead, and Rebecca Moss each cut off with one shilling. I also desire my estate not be appraised, but that they choose three honest men

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I07. York Co. Orders and Wills I720-I732, p. 79.

I08. Ibid., p. 90. I09. ibid., p. I05.

II0. Ibid., p. III.

to divide the remainder between them.
---son, Benjamin Moss--executor---

Written January I5, I736; probated March 2I, I736.
III

There was an inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Moss returned to the court May I6, I737.
II2

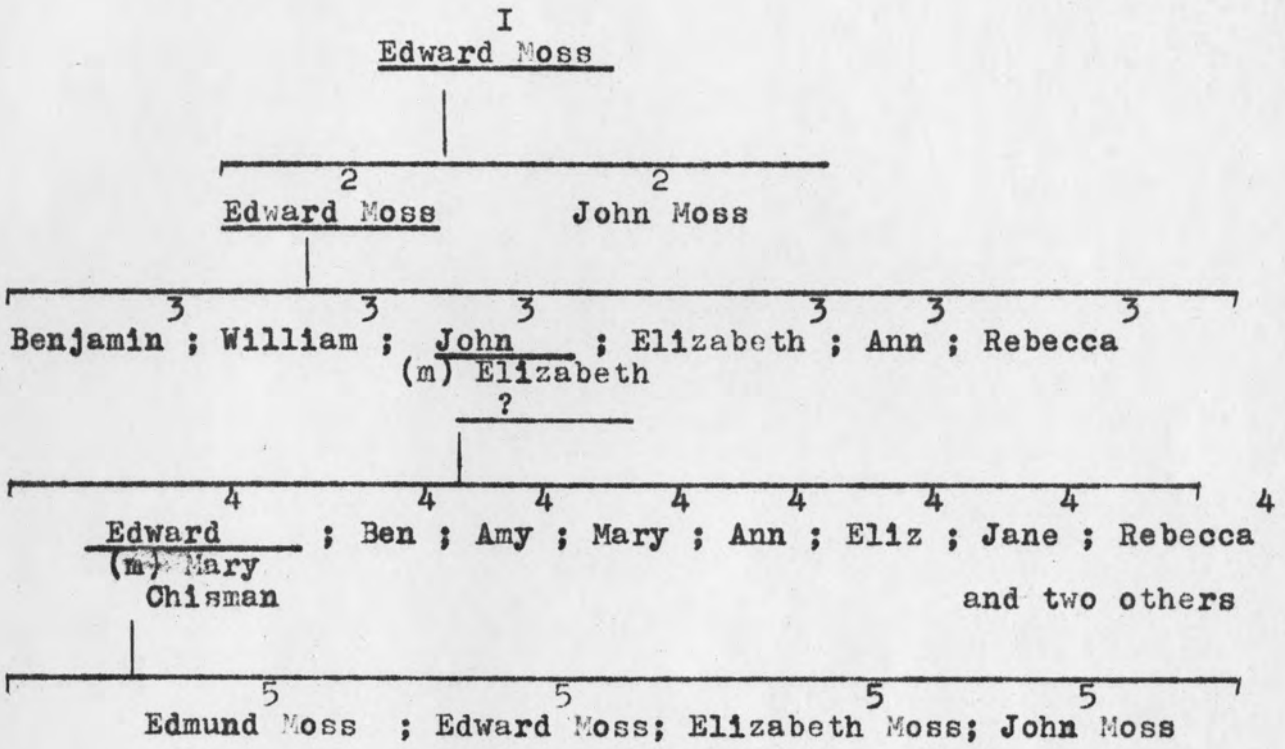
Issue of John Moss[3] and Elizabeth Moss as stated in their will:

I. Edward Moss[4]
2. Benjamin Moss[4]
3. Amy Moss[4]
4. Mary Moss[4]
5. Ann Moss[4]
6. Elizabeth Moss[4]
7. Jane Moss[4]
8. Rebecca Moss[4]
9. _____
I0. _____

III. York County Wills and Inventories No. I8, p. 355.

II2. Ibid., p. 367.

PART 3 --SECTION 2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Chisman
and two others
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Edmund Moss ; Edward Moss; Elizabeth Moss; John Moss

I. Edward Moss (John[4], Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was born around I700 since he was the oldest of ten children and his father died I7I6. He was left land in New Kent County, Virginia by his father, but he remained to live in York County. He married Mary Chisman, daughter of Edmund Chisman. Proof of this marriage is found thus: Edmund Chisman, who left a will in I735 named his sons,John Chisman and Thomas Chisman and daughters, Mary Chisman and Anne Chisman; also his wife Elizabeth Chisman. This wife, Elizabeth Chisman, was a Miss Chapman, and after her husband, Edmund Chisman, died, she married secondly, James Goodwin. This James Goodwin left a will in I757 in which he mentioned daughter Mary Moss. Elizabeth Chapman Chisman Goodwin, in her

to divide the remainder between them.
---son, Benjamin Moss--executor---

Written January I5, I736; probated March 2I, I736.
III

There was an inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Moss returned to the court May I6, I737.
II2

Issue of John Moss and Elizabeth Moss as stated in their will:
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I. Edward Moss
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2. Benjamin Moss
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3. Amy Moss
4
4. Mary Moss
4
5. Ann Moss
4
6. Elizabeth Moss
4
7. Jane Moss
4
8. Rebecca Moss

9. _____

I0. _____

III. York County Wills and Inventories No. I8, p. 355.

II2. Ibid., p. 367.

will, proved I782 named her grand-children Elizabeth Pescud and Edward Moss[II3], Mary Hobday, Mildred Hobday, and Nancy Hobday. Hence, Mary Moss was none other than Mary Chisman, daughter of Edmund Chisman and Elizabeth Chapman Chisman (later Goodwin) and was a step-daughter of James Goodwin.

Edward Moss[4] died I758 and the court named the widow Mary Moss to administer the estate. The York County record book gives a three page inventory for Edward Moss, deceased, beginning with the date February 20, I758 and shows his estate was valued at over 752 pounds. The inventory was returned and dated April 4, I758 and was made by John Cary, William Moss Jr., and William Powell.[II4]

The names of his slaves and their value are here included because when the division of these was made, the names of his widow and children are further proven and identified:

I	Negro man	Tony	50	pounds
I	" "	Tom	40	"
I	" "	Jack	55	"
I	" "	Sam	45	"
I	" boy	Frank	40	"
I	" "	Orange	40	"
I	" "	Harry	40	"
I	" woman	Hannah	40	"
I	" "	Rose	40	"
I	" girl	Moll	30	"
I	" "	Celia	25	"
I	" "	Hannah	20	"
	Negro	Paul	20	"

There is also a detailed account of the expenditures made by the administratrix, Mrs. Mary Moss and this was examined and signed by the same persons: John Cary, William Powell, and

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II3. York County Will Book No. 22, p. 5II.

II4. York County Wills and Inventories I746-I759, p. 474.

William Moss. Among the debts mentioned were these items:

The Rev. Mr. John Camm for funeral -----	2-- 0--0
Dr. George Riddell----------	5-- 0--4
Mr. Edward Wright ----------	2--I5--0
Mr. James Mitchell ----------	2-- 8--0
Richard Ambler, Esq. ----------	2-- 8--9
Benjamin Mennis for coffin ----------	I-- I--6
Mr. Francis Mennis ----------	I--I8--6
Mr. William Rose ----------	I-- I--I½
Ephraim Thomas ----------	0-- 8--3
Mr. Edmund Curtis ----------	0--I0--9
Capt. Robert Sheild ----------	0--I0--0
Mr. Thomas Pescud for making 25 prs shoes	I-- 5--0

II5

(Note the Pescud association.)

The expense account was returned November 20, I758. It said:

> We the subscribed, having examined, stated, and settled the administration of the estate of Edward Moss, deceased as above and we found the balance to be due the said estate seven hundred and 57 pounds and I5 shillings and 3 pence current money now in the possession of Mrs. Mary Moss, administratrix to the said stated settlement this 9th day of November I758. II6

Edward Moss had four children:

(I) Edmund Moss[5]

(2) Edward Moss[5]

(3) Elizabeth Moss[5]

(4) John Moss[5]

A lawsuit was instituted calling for a division of the slaves and the record shows this:

> Mary Moss, widow of Edward Moss, Edmund Moss, Edward Moss, and Elizabeth Moss, infants of the said Mary, their mother and guardian plaintiff against John Moss, an infant by Dudley Digges, gent., his guardian defendant in chancery.

II5. Ibid., p. 504 .

II6. Ibid.

Persuant to a decree dated January 15, 1759 we, the subscribed have set apart and allotted unto the plaintiff Mary Moss, her dower in the slaves of her late deceased husband, Edward Moss, and divided the residue thereof into four equal parts and allotted and assigned unto each of the plaintiffs Edmund, Edward, and Elizabeth one fourth part and the other fourth part unto the defendant and heir John Moss as also a division of the increase in manner follows, viz:

Plaintiff Mary, the widow, her dower in said slaves by appraisement ---------- 161-- 13--4

Allotted to her:

Tony, a man ---------	50	pounds value
Tom, a man ----------	40	"
Hannah, a woman -----	40	"
Moll, a girl -------	30	
Total	160	"

Balance due plaintiff from defendant John Moss ------- 1 --13 --4

161 --13 --4

Plaintiff Edmund Moss, his fourth of the remainder of the slaves ---------- 80 --16--8

Allotted said Edmund Moss:

Jack, a man ---------	55	pounds value
Celia, a girl ------	25	"
Total	80	"

Balance due plaintiff Edmund Moss from defendant John Moss 0 --16--8

80 --16--8

Plaintiff Edward Moss, his fourth part of the remainder of said slaves ---------- 80 --16--8

Allotted said Edward Moss:

Orange, a boy --------	40	pounds value
Hannah, a girl ------	20	"
Paul, a boy --------	20	"
Total	80	"

Balance due plaintiff Edward Moss from defendant John Moss 0 --16--8

80 --16--8

Plaintiff Elizabeth Moss, her one fourth part of remainder of said slaves ---------- 80 --I6--8

Allotted said Elizabeth Moss:

Rose, a woman ------	40	pounds value
Frank, a boy -------	40	"
Total	80	"
Balance due said Elizabeth Moss from defendant John Moss	0 --I6--8	
	80 --I6--8	

Defendant John Moss, his one fourth part of remainder of said slaves ---------- 80 --I6--8

Allotted said John Moss:

Sam, a man -------	45	pounds value
Harry, a boy -----	40	"
Total	85	"
Balance due to plaintiffs from John Moss-------	4 --3 4	

The record further stated:

> The increase of a child of about a month old (Tony by name) which we value to 6 pounds, the widow's dower in the increase is two pounds and to each of the other plaintiffs Edmund, Edward, and Elizabeth one pound. February I2, I759
> Signed: Henry Howard, Thomas Chisman, and Anthony Robinson. II7

Mary Moss, the widow, married secondly, Isaac Hobday. August I760 Mary Moss rendered an account of her guardianship for Edmund Moss, son of Edward Moss, but on August I76I Mary Hobday made the report to the court. Isaac Hobday later became the guardian of these Moss children according to the Guardians' Accounts for York County.

After the division of the slaves, these were hired out and the profit from their labor was used for the maintenance and support of each child. The detailed account shows all of this.

II7. York Co. Judgements and Orders No. 3 I759-I763, pp.I9-23

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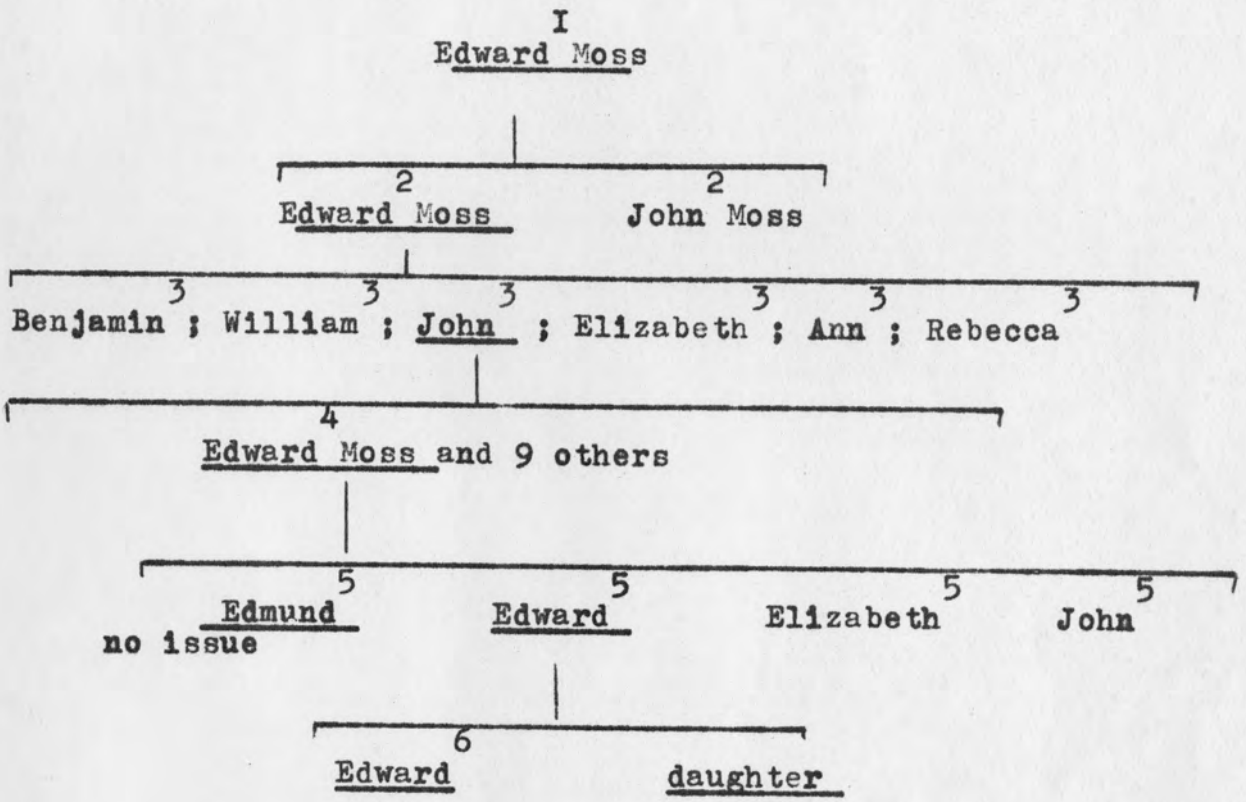

(I) Edmund Moss (Edward[5], John[4], Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]), evidently so named for his grand-father, Edmund Chisman, was a party in the lawsuit requesting a division of his father's slaves in I759. He received his one fourth part after the widow's dower was deducted. There is evidence that he died between I76I and I782.

When the inventory for the estate of his brother, John[5] Moss was returned to the court in I782, these same slaves (as well as those formerly owned by their mother) were a part of John Moss' estate. Whether John bought them from Edmund or from his mother (after Edmund's death) is speculation. Another indication of his early death is the fact that neither John nor Edmund were

mentioned in their grand-mother Goodwin's will, while brother Edward Moss and sister Elizabeth Moss, as well as half-sisters received small legacies.

His name disappears from the records.

(2) Edward Moss (5 Edward, 4 John, 3 Edward, 2 Edward I) was represented by his guardian in a lawsuit June 7, I768. The record follows:

> Edward Moss, an infant by Thomas Chisman his guardian plaintiff against Isaac Hobday, defendant---we have examined accounts between parties and fould a balance of I5--8--7 due from said Isaac Hobday to Edward Moss, orphan. II8

He paid taxes on 200 acres "a part of the Edmund Chisman tract" in I784. When he died in I785, he was survived by his wife, Barbary Moss and two children. The record shows that

> the last will and testament of Edward Moss, senior, deceased was proved by the oaths of William Stroud and Elizabeth Dunn witnesses on the motion of Barbary Moss, the widow and relict of said testator and with John Moss and Bailey Seaton Tabb her securities entered into and acknowledged bond-- was granted--- letters of administration---with said will annexed-----
> Elizabeth Pescud, the executor named in the said will renounced the execution thereof. August I5, I785. II9

The court ordered George Chisman, Edward Moss, William Moss, and John Dunn or any three to appraise in current money the slaves and personal property of Edward Moss, Senior, deceased. I20

II8. York Co. Judgements and Orders I768-I770, p. 29.

II9. York Co. Orders No. 5 I784-87, p. 200. I20. Ibid., p. 20I

Herein is the will:

> Edward Moss, Senior---I leave my estate to my dearly beloved wife, Barbary Moss for the use of bringing up my children, but if she should marry before the eldest child comes of age 2I my desire is that she be thirded in the land according to law and the other two thirds of my land to remain uncultivated til my eldest child arrives at age 2I at which time he shall possess his 2/3 of the land with one third of my other estate, if my daughter should marry or come to age I desire at such time for her to have I/3 of my personal estate and to receive of my son after he comes to age 2I the sum of three pounds current money til he pays her one third the appraised value of the land. At my wife's death my son shall own her I/3 of the land on paying to my daughter one half the appraised value thereof as above mentioned.
> I desire that my wife shall divide with my children I/3 my personal estate to have and dispose of in what manner she may think fit. If my wife should die before my children come of age or they leave no lawful issue, I desire that my estate be equally divided between my two half-sisters Molly and Mildred Hobday.
> I constitute and appoint my beloved sister Pescud executor of my estate.
> October 24, I784; probated August I5, I785
> Witnesses:
> William Stroud
> Elizabeth Dunn
> Elizabeth Stephens I2I

Issue of Edward Moss:

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A. son, probably named Edward Moss

B. daughter

I2I. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 9I.

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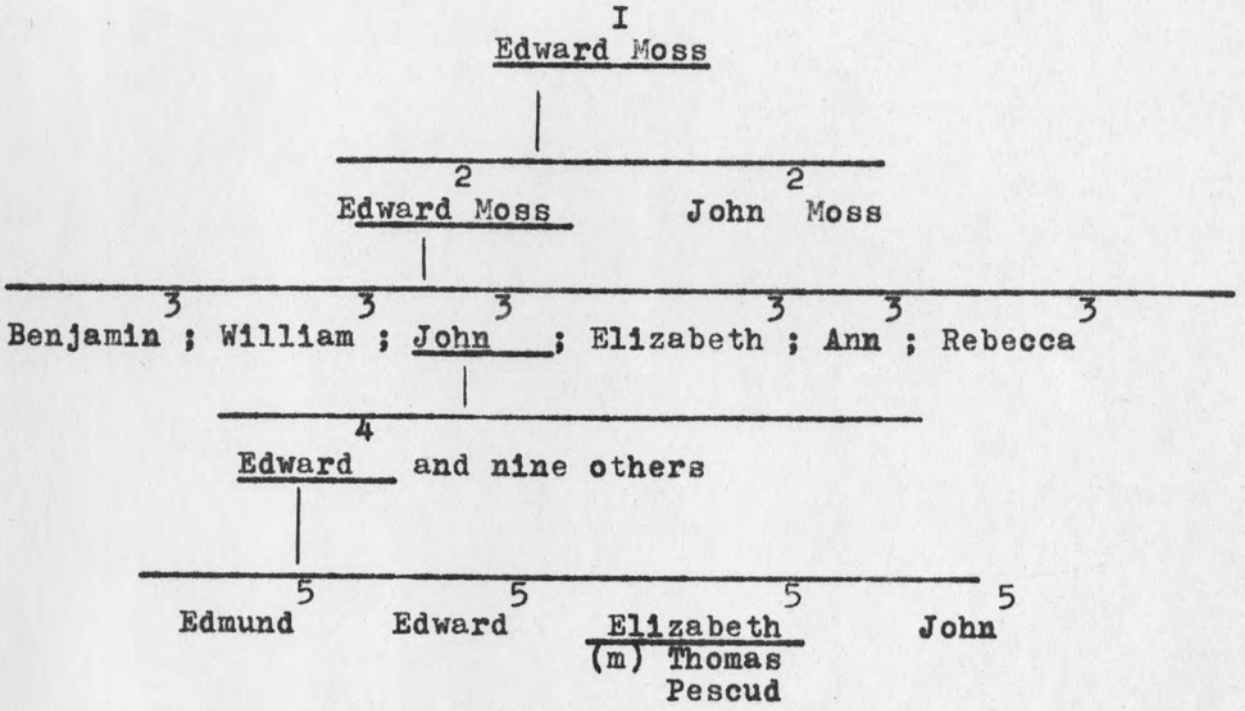

(3) Elizabeth[5] Moss (Edward[4], John[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) This we know about her: Elizabeth Chapman Chisman Goodwin left a will written August 2, I780 and proved June I7, I782.[I22] In this she named her grand-daughter, Elizabeth Pescud and grand-son Edward Moss; also grand-daughters Mary Hobday, Mildred Hobday, and Nancy Buckner Hobday. This was a lengthy will. This Elizabeth Goodwin had four children by an earlier marriage to Edmund Chisman (will proved August I8, I735) they being: Thomas Chisman; John Chisman; Mary Chisman, who married first, Edward Moss and secondly, Isaac Hobday; and Anne Chisman, first wife

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I22. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 22, p. 5II.

of Thomas Pescud. Following the death of Anne Chisman Pescud, Thomas Pescud married secondly, Elizabeth Moss, a niece of his first wife. This marriage was about I767, based on the birth of their first child. Assuming she was about I6 years of age when she married, she would have have been born around I75I.

Elizabeth[5] Moss Pescud and her husband, Thomas Pescud, had seven children, according to the Charles Parish Register. They were:

A. Elizabeth[6] Pescud born January I, I768; died young.
B. Anna[6] Pescud born November 4, I769; died August I78I.
C. Thomas[6] Pescud born November 25, I77I.
D. Elizabeth[6] Pescud born March I8, I774.
E. Robert[6] Pescud born October 5, I776.
F. Edward[6] Pescud born December 8, I778.
G. Anna[6] Pescud born July 2I, I78I.

At a court session held June I7, I782 Elizabeth Pescud was granted letters of administration to settle the estate of Thomas Pescud, deceased.[I23] However, there is reason to believe that he died I78I (after March I9th when he was elected Commissioner of the Tax) because land taxes of Warwick County mention his estate on that date; also a request for damages to his estate incurred by the invasion of Yorktown in I78I is recorded in York County Clerk's Office.

Elizabeth Moss Pescud married secondly, Hawkins Reade, December 2I, I785.[I24] They had two children: Richard Hawkins[6]

I23. York Co. Orders No. 4, p. 299.

I24. York Marriage Bond.

Reade[6] born March I8, I787 and Mary Reade born May 27, I789, making her the mother of nine children. She died in I8I9 leaving a will dated September 4, I807 and probated November 5, I8I9.[I25] She mentioned her son Robert Pescud, but she did not name her other children although she bequeathed each a mourning ring.

The first two children--A. and B. died young.

C. Thomas Pescud[6], born November 25, I77I, married first Sarah Sclater, daughter of John Sclater. After her death, Thomas Pescud married secondly, Catherine Dudley Cary, widow of Richard Cary, and daughter of James and Lydia Hill Dudley. From this point, this direct line will be briefly stated; for details, see Three Courageous Women by Elizabeth Hogg Ironmonger.

Thomas Pescud[6] and his second wife had two daughters; one being:

Elizabeth Pescud[7] born April I2, I804; married first Thomas McWilliams in I820; married secondly, Nathaniel Fletcher and had a large family, one daughter being :

Mary Elizabeth McWilliams[8] born January 4, I829; married William J. Lindsay I844; died August 5, I850 leaving three children. The oldest was :

Alice Bird Lindsay[9] born January 25, I847; married Edward Thomas Winder in I866; died I90I leaving two children, the daughter being:

Frances Elizabeth Winder[I0] born I867; married William H.

I25. York Co. Will Book No. I0 I8II-I824, p. 332.

Hogg; died I958; reared three children, one of whom is:

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Elizabeth Lindsay Hogg, born I89I; married in I909 to John Wesley Ironmonger; parents of three children, among these being:

I2

Thelma Elizabeth Ironmonger born January I, I9I0; married July 9, I929 to Robert Lee Hansford. Their son is:

I3

Robert Wesley Hansford born November 2, I936; married Beverley Anne Cooke July I4, I957; their son:

I4

Robert Stafford Hansford was born December II, I959.

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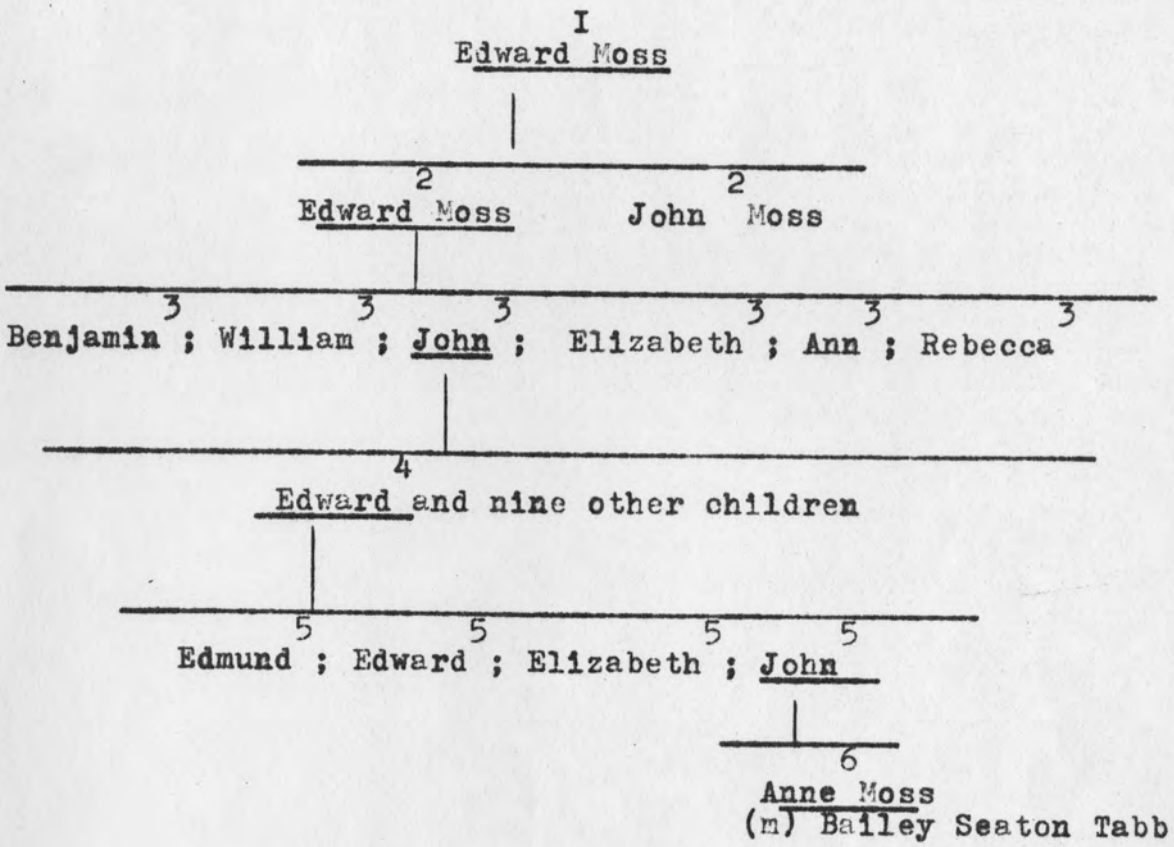

(4) John Moss (Edward[5], John[4], Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was a very small child when his father died in I758. Dudley Digges was appointed his guardian. After his mother's remarriage, Isaac Hobday, his step-father, was guardian from I76I- I766. Later Thomas Chisman (an uncle), acting as his guardian, represented him in a lawsuit against Isaac Hobday who owed him 5I pounds I shilling, 8 pence. This was June 6, I768.[I26] Edward Moss, brother to John Moss, was likewise involved in a similiar suit, but for a smaller amount. The debt was in some way involved

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I26. York Co. Judgements and Orders I768-I770, p. 29.

with the boys' inheritance.

John Moss[5] died a young man in I772. He had married (wife's name unknown, but probably a Goodwin) and had a daughter, Anne Moss[6]. To further identify this John Moss, a list of his slaves as named in the inventory is given. It will be seen that these are identical with those he, himself, heired from his father; some had been his mother's; and some had belonged to his brother Edmund Moss. The slaves were:

Tony---------- 50 pounds value
Tom ---------- 40 "
(His mother Mary Moss heired these; he probably bought them)
Sam ---------- 50 pounds
Harry---------- IIO "
(He heired these)
boy Tony---------- 50 "
(Note the new baby born when slaves were divided)
Hannah, a woman------ 30 pounds
Moll ---------- 60 "
(His mother had these.)
Celia & her child
Phillis---------- 70 "
(Celia had belonged to brother Edmund Moss)
Sarah, a girl ------ ?

Total value of his personal property was 652--I5--5½. The inventory date started with March I6, I772 and was returned May I5, I772. John Goodwin, Allen Chapman, and John Goodwin, Jr. handled this.[I27]

There is proof that John Moss left a daughter Anne. She heired land which appears on the tax lists and this is identified as belonging to "Anne (Nancy) Moss, orphan of John Moss" as well as other property.

On December I5, I777 William Adduston Rogers was appointed

I27. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 22 I77I-83, p. 67.

"guardian of Anne Moss, an infant of John Moss, deceased."[I28] At the same session of court there was a petition presented by William Tabb for "leave to erect a water grist mill on the Wolf Trap Swamp for an acre of land of Anne Moss, an infant, on the opposite side of the said swamp----and William Adduston Rogers, her guardian" was asked to defend her rights.[I29] Other business concerning her at the same session of court was a motion by William Adduston Rogers, followed by an order, that John Chisman, John Burcher, William Tabb, and Allen Chapman or any three examine the estate of John Moss, deceased.[I30]

There are two deeds which mention land owned by John Moss' orphan, one being a lease between Edmund Chisman, gentleman, of Charles Parish, one part and Edward Moss, Junior and Martha, his wife of the other part. It was for 200 acres with the following boundaries:

> --on the south by a tract John Wright leased of me; on the east by lands belonging to the late Samuel Reade; on the north by lands belonging to Nancy Moss, orphan and Edward Moss, Junior near the Lane Bridge and then the water course to Pescud's Mill, down to the bridge formerly known by the name of Chisman's Fort Bridge, whereof the said Edmund Chisman is now siezed and possessed with the appertenances to the said parcel---is hereby demised unto said Edward and Martha Moss for----- I5 years---commencing January I _____. September 6, I782. [I3I]

(This Edward Moss, Junior, who was a party to the lease, was a son of James[4] Moss and he married Martha Garrow; he was not

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I29. Ibid., p. I79. I30. Ibid., p. I92.

I3I. York Co. Deed Book No. 6, p. I50.

Edward[5] Moss, Junior, son of Edward[4] Moss. However, this land bounded on that of the last named Edward[5] Moss, Junior.)

The other deed was between Edmund Chisman and Edward Moss--- for I500 pounds---50 acres in Charles Parish:

> binding on the lands belonging to the orphan of John Moss deceased, from the main York road down the lane bridge then down the Brick House Swamp to the branch called Watkins Branch running up the said branch to the said York road----
> May I9, I783 I32

Periodically the court ordered a report on the estate belonging to the orphan of John Moss, deceased. This inventory and sale is included here because it names the slaves and to whom they were hired. It shows that Nancy, the orphan, lived (boarded) with her aunt "Mrs. Pescud" and also with Mrs. Goodwin. Several sales were made to Edward Moss (brother). No wife was mentioned:

November I778

The rent of the plantation to John Ross* I779	I27--0--0
The manor plantation to John Ross I780	I20--0--0
I large red cow to John Ross	I5--0--0
I dark red cow to William Cary	I5--2--0
I small red cow to John Ross	I8-I6--0
I small brindle cow to John Burcher	9--0--0
I red cow and calf to John Burcher	8--0--0
I brindle cow and calf to John Burcher	8--8--0
2 bull calves to John Burcher	I0-I0--0
I steer to John Burcher	I9--2--0
I yoke of oxen to George Chaplin	22--0--0
I cart cham etc. to William Rogers	6--0--0
I plough to Harwood Burt	4--0--0
3 weeding hoes; I fluke to John Ross	2-I0--0
3 wedges to John Rogers	2-I0--0
I pot rack to John Toomer	I-I3--0
I spit to Allen Chapman	0--9--0
T table to George Chaplin	6--I--0

I32. Ibid., p. I6I.

* John Ross lived in Elizabeth City County; this is not a misspelling for Moss.

The butt part of the fodder stack to John Baker-	3--I0--0
Next choice fodder stack to John Ross----------	3--I4--0
" " " " " Lawrence Gibbons---	3--I5--0
Last " " " " Nathan Stroud-------	4-- 5--0
Crop of green shocks to John Burcher----------	I8-- 0--0
500 bundles fodder to Edward Moss ----------	5-- 4--0
500 " " to Robert Scott----------	5-- 0--0
Remainder " to Enos James ----------	9-- 4--6
5 of the first choice hogs to Joseph Stroud----	28-- 5--0
6 of the 2nd choice hogs to John Ross---------	I0-- I--0
Last choice to John Elliott----------	6-- 5--0
3 sows to Junior Dews----------	I2-- 5--0
I sow and pigs to Allen Chapman----------	4-- I--0
8 shoats to John Ross----------	7-- 0--0
75½ --cotton to Edward Moss----------	8-- 3--7
I0½ bu. peas to William A. Rogers----------	I8-- 7--6
2 bbl. corn to Edward Moss----------	I6-- 4--0
2 bbl. corn to Elizabeth Stroud ----------	I6-- 0--0
2 bbl. corn to William A. Rogers----------	I6-- 0--0
2 bbl. corn to Stephen Mitchell----------	I6-- 5--0
4 bbl. corn to William A. Rogers ----------	33-- 0--0
4 bbl. corn to Stephen Mitchell ----------	33-- 4--0
2 bbl. corn to Mary Edwards ----------	I6--I2--0
2 bbl. corn to Enos James ----------	I6--I2--0
2 bbl. corn to William A. Rogers ----------	I6--I2--0
2 bbl. corn to Mary Edwards ----------	I6-- 0--0
2 bbl. corn to Stephen Mitchell ----------	I6--I2--0
6 bbl. hog corn to William Gibbs ----------	22-- 0--0
5 bbl. hog corn to William A. Rogers----------	I7--I5--0
Remainder to William Brown ----------	3-- 2--0
I rum butt to Allen Chapman ----------	I-- 0--0
I meal tub to Edward Moss----------	0--I6--0
I bbl. cider to Toomer and Elliott----------	4-- 0--0
I table and 4 chairs to Azariah English--------	I--I5--0
Upper and sole leather to James Gooding---------	4--I0--0
	822--I8--7

(Note the inflation during the war period.)

Negro hire in I779 as follows:

I lad Tony to John Baptist ----------	36-- 5--0
I woman to Geo. Goosley by name Sarah ---------	27-- 0--0
I woman to Capt. Hicks---Moll ----------	37-- 0--0
I negro man Sam to John Ross----------	30-- 5--0
I negro man Harry to Ben Palmore----------	30--I0--0
I negro man Tom to Harwood Burt ----------	II-- 0--0

Negro hire in I780 as follows:

I negro man Tony & old woman Hannah to John Moss-	20-- 0--0
Half a year hire of Moll to Seymour Powell------	I7--I0--0

Negro man Harry to Bernard Elliott----------I00-- 0--0
Old man Tom to William A. Rogers---------- II-- 0--0

II43-- 8--I
For hand mill ---------- 3-- 0--0

II43-- 8--I

Sarah to Geo. Goosley---5 pounds
Sam to Benjamin Wright 3 "
8 "

Negro hire I78I-I782:
(did not copy in entirety)

Phillis, a girl, to Edward Moss---------- I--I0--0
Orange, a boy, to Bernard Elliott---------- I-- 0--0
Rent for plantation to John Ross---------- 40-- 0--0
Rent, the upper plantation to John Baptist---- 8-- 0--0
(I78I0
Do, to John Dunn (I782) ---

signed: William Tabb; Allen Chapman;
William Moss; John Moss, Sr.

October 2I, I782 I33

In the settlement, among the expenses in I779 was cost of linen for the orphan; also paid Dr. Brodie for attending the orphan. Mrs. Pescud was paid 60 pounds board for I779-I78I; there were several references to clothes (shoes) for NANCY ; a coffin for"Old Tom" cost I5 shillings; Mrs. Pescud was again paid for board; then Mrs. Goodwin I34 was paid board; Thomas Pescud was paid for shoes several times.

The land taxes for York County shows that Ann Moss, orphan, paid on 200 acres for the years I782 and I783. In I784 Bailey Seaton Tabb was credited with 200 acres "formerly Ann Moss, orphan" property.

I33. York County Wills and Inventories No. 22, p. 555.

I34. Ibid., p. 558.

A deed dated February 16, 1789 from Bailey Seaton Tabb and wife Nancy to Richard Garrett---for 180 pounds for 175 acres---land in Charles Parish----formerly belonging to John Goodwin ---bounded by John Lester; Edmund Chisman, deceased; late Col. John Chisman on the west-----Tabb possessed by intermarrying with Nancy Moss, granddaughter of Mr. Edward Moss, deceased [135].

Bailey Seaton Tabb did not leave a will, but the appraisal and inventory for his estate were returned to the January 21, 1793 session of York County Court. His estate was valued at 440--14--0. [136]

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135. York County Deed Book No. 6, p. 397.

136. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 373.

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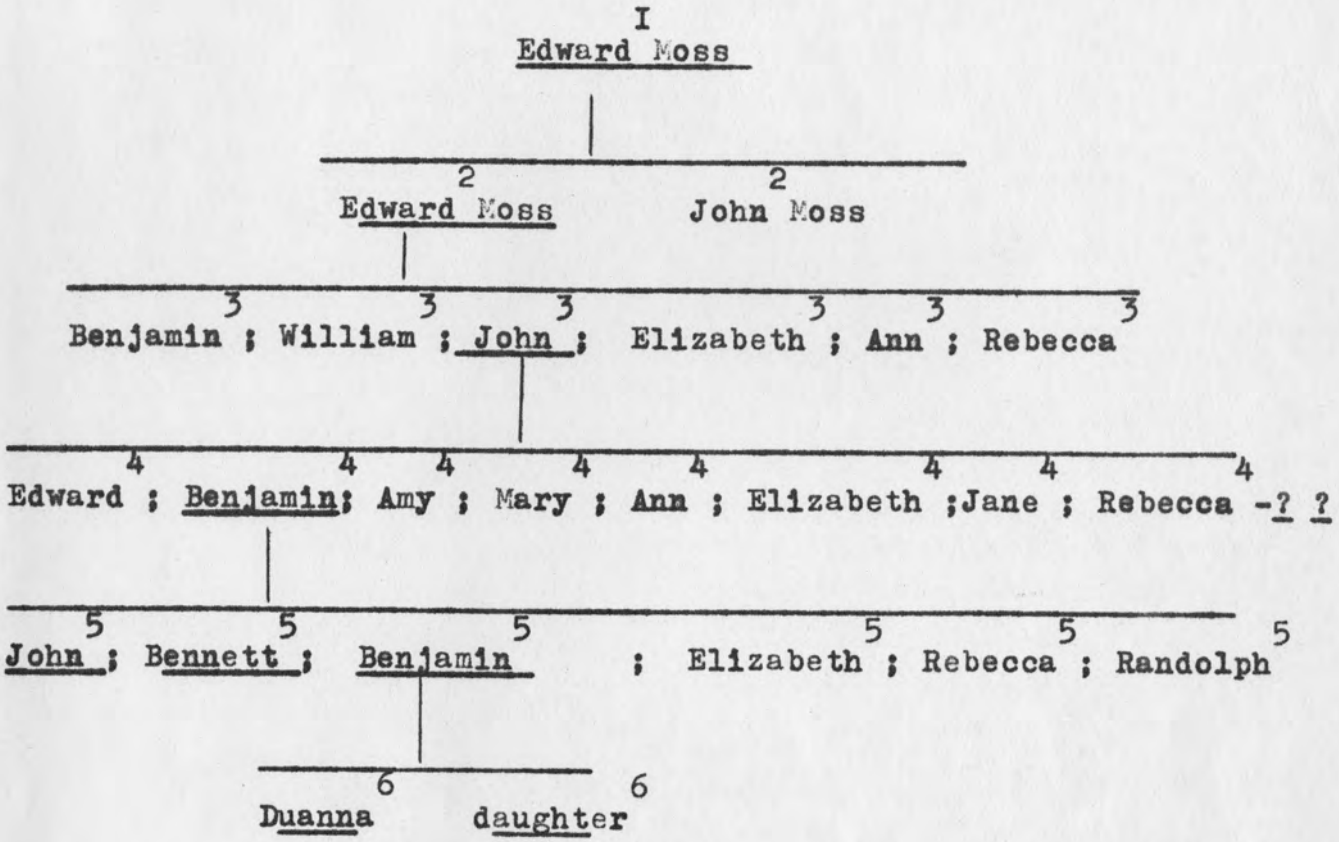
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John ; Bennett ; Benjamin ; Elizabeth ; Rebecca ; Randolph
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Duanna daughter

2. Benjamin Moss (John[3], Edward[2], Edward[I]) was named in his father's will. He was a carpenter by trade, a fact learned from deeds between him and his sister, Amy Moss. September I9, I743 he bought from her slaves which had been left her by their mother.[I37] There was a case involving a small debt between William Moss and Benjamin Moss, house carpenter, March II, I758.

He married probably twice, using the records of children's births and parentage as recorded in the Charles Parish Register[4] as the basis for this assumption. Issue of Benjamin Moss:

(I) John[5] Moss (son of Benjamin by Elizabeth) born January I5, I737/8

I37. York Co. Deed Book No. 5 I74I-I754, pp. 67-69.

(2) Bennett[5] Moss (son of Benjamin by Elizabeth) died August 31, 1751

(3) Benjamin[5] Moss

(4) Elizabeth[5] Moss

(5) Rebecca[5] Moss (daughter of Benjamin by Isabella) died October 1751

(6) Randolph[5] Moss (son of Benjamin by Isabella) born February 16, 1748

Wives of Benjamin Moss were Elizabeth _____ and Isabella _____. No settlement or will for him has been read. There may have been other children.

(1) John[5] Moss was born January 15, 1737/8. A record shows that "John Moss, son of Benjamin, with his father's consent hath put himself as apprentice to Christopher Lord Jr. to be a house carpenter."[138] If one re-reads the inventory for John[3] Moss, it will be seen that he had carpenter's tools. Thus it appears that for three generations the carpenter's trade was followed by this branch of the family.

(2) Bennett[5] Moss, son of Benjamin by Elizabeth, died August 31, 1751.

(3) Benjamin[5] Moss was evidently a son of Benjamin[4] Moss since by his will he had a brother John and other Benjamins of this period did not qualify as such. He married Jane------- and they had two children as stated in his will:

> I give and bequeath to my loving wife Jane Moss the whole of my estate both real and personal to do with as she pleases and at her death my desire is that it shall be equally divided between my brother John Moss, my son-in-law

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138. Ibid., p. 608 .

James Moss Burcher and granddaughter Fanny Tyrie
-------granddaughter Jane Tyrie-----
I give my sister Elizabeth Moss five shillings ---
wife Jane and friend Allen Chapman executors-----
witnesses: October IO, I79I
John Tabb Smith
Thomas Ryland
Arthur Taylor
Nathaniel Taylor

February 20, I792 upon the motion of Thomas Ryland and Nathaniel Taylor this will was proved and the executors gave bond with James Moss Burcher as security.[I39]

Benjamin Moss had been named by the court in I782 to be guardian of the children of John Burcher, namely: John Burcher and James Moss Burcher as shown by the inventory of Burcher.[I40]

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Issue of Benjamin Moss:

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A. Dianna Frances Moss

B. daughter

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A. Dianna Frances Moss was not named in her father's will, but he did mention Tyrie grandchildren. She married James Tyrie who left a will dated March I786, probated April I7, I786. In this he named his wife Dianna who was lent the entire estate which would descend to his children at her death.[I4I] Thomas Newman, John Moss Jr., and Mary Moss were witnesses to this will. The children were:

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a. Frances Tyrie (named in grandfather's will) born before I784.

b. Jane Tyrie (named in grandfather's will) born before I786.

I39. York Co. Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 252.

I40. Ibid., p. 6

I4I. Ibid., p. I09.

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The widow, Dianna Frances Moss Tyrie and John Harris of Gloucester were married December 7, I787 according to a York County marriage bond. John Harris of Gloucester sold to Benjamin Moss of York County a feather bed and furniture, eight chairs, one table, one looking glass, three pots, one Dutch oven, two chests, and one trunk for twenty pounds current money. This deed was dated November 25, I790. James M. Burcher was a witness to this transaction.[I42]

John Harris and Diana his wife "late Diana Tyrie, executrix of James Tyrie, deceased" were plaintiffs in a case against Richard Gibbons August I5, I79I.[I43]

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B. The second daughter of Benjamin Moss evidently died before her father's decease. She married James Moss Burcher, a distant cousin.

I42. York County Deed Book No. 7, p. 22.

I43. York County Orders No. 6, p. 397.

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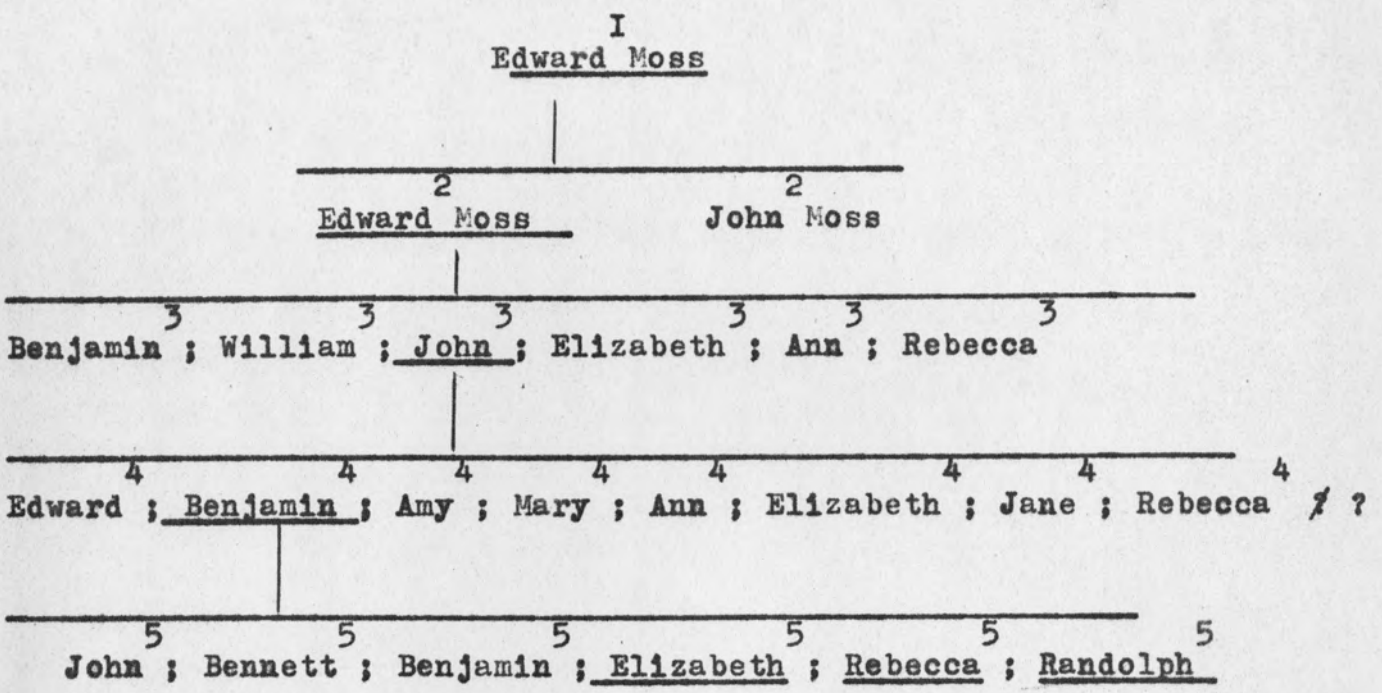
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(4) Elizabeth[5] Moss was left five shillings by her brother Benjamin Moss so she was unmarried in I79I.

(5) Rebecca[5] Moss, daughter of Benjamin by Isabella, died I75I.

(6) Randolph[5] Moss, son of Benjamin by Isabella, was born February I6, I748. He was taxed on 400 acres of land in the lower precinct of York County in I782. He was a witness for William Throckmorton and wife in a case against Mr. Phillips and was paid for five days attendance to court March 22, I793.[I44]

I44. York County Orders No. 6, p. 525.

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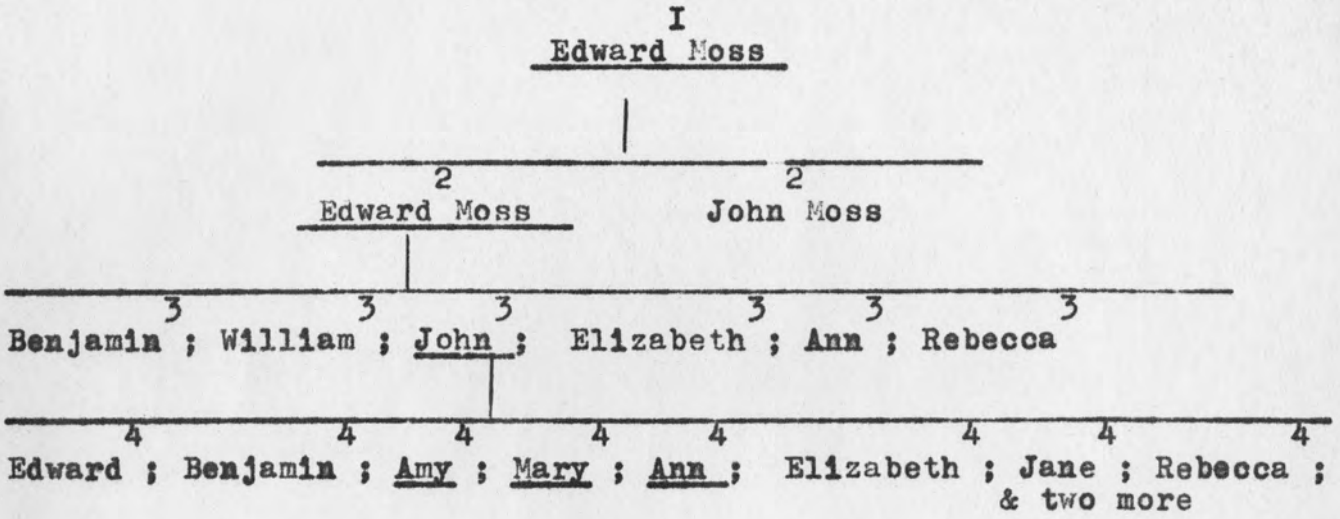
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3. Amy Moss (4 John 3, Edward 2, Edward I) was named in the will of her mother, Elizabeth Moss, proved I736. She was given a slave Phillis, and a partnership with her sister in a mare and riding saddle.

She did not marry. On September I9, I743 "Amy Moss, spinster" sold to Benjamin Moss, "a carpenter", the slave Phillis and her increase, Will and Jimmy. She said that they were too expensive for her to keep. (Benjamin Moss was her brother.)[I45] On September I7, I753 Chloe, a Negro girl belonging to Amy Moss, was adjudged by the court to be ten years of age.

Her will was written June I2, I77I and was proved May I8, I772. Here are parts from it:

> Amy Moss of Yorkhampton Parish----I give and bequeath to my loving nephew John Burcher all my

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I45. York Deed Book No. 5 I74I-I754, p. 67.

estate as I shall die possessed except my negroes or slaves which I lend him during his life upon condition that he the said John Burcher shall not sell or mortgage any of the said slaves so lent him ----or their increase which if said John Burcher shall either sell or mortgage during his life then it is my will and desire that my friend, Thomas Smith of York County or if he shall then be deceased, his heirs or executors for him and in his stead shall have full power and authority to the possession of every one of the said slaves or negroes and their increase from and out of the possession of John Burcher for the uses, intents and purposes thereafter particularly mentioned---that is to say Smith shall have the work, labor, and services of said slaves and their increase during the life of said John Burcher----said Thomas Smith---deliver the slaves to Burcher's children and their heirs forever. But if said John Burcher shall or leave no such children, then I give the negroes and their increase to James Burcher's children.
I likewise leave and appoint my nephew John Burcher executor------- June 12, 1771; May 18, 1772.
Witnesses:
Anne Moss
Starkey Armistead 146

The slaves which Amy Moss possessed according to the inventory were:

Cloe ----------	valued at	60	pounds
boy, Lewis -------		50	"
girl, Mary -------		40	"
boy, John --------		35	"
boy, Tawney ------		25	"

Her total personal estate was valued at 366--5--0. William Moss, John Goodwin Sr., and John Goodwin Jr. were in charge of the inventory.[147]

4. Mary Moss (John[3], Edward[2], Edward[1]) was named in her mother's will in 1736 and was left the best bed and furniture. She and her sister, Amy Moss, were to share a mare and riding

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146. York County Wills and Inventories No. 22, 1771-1783, p. 73.

147. Ibid., p. 112.

saddle. No research has been done on her.

5. Ann Moss (4 John, 3 Edward, 2 Edward I) was designated as daughter Ann Palmer in her mother's will in I736.

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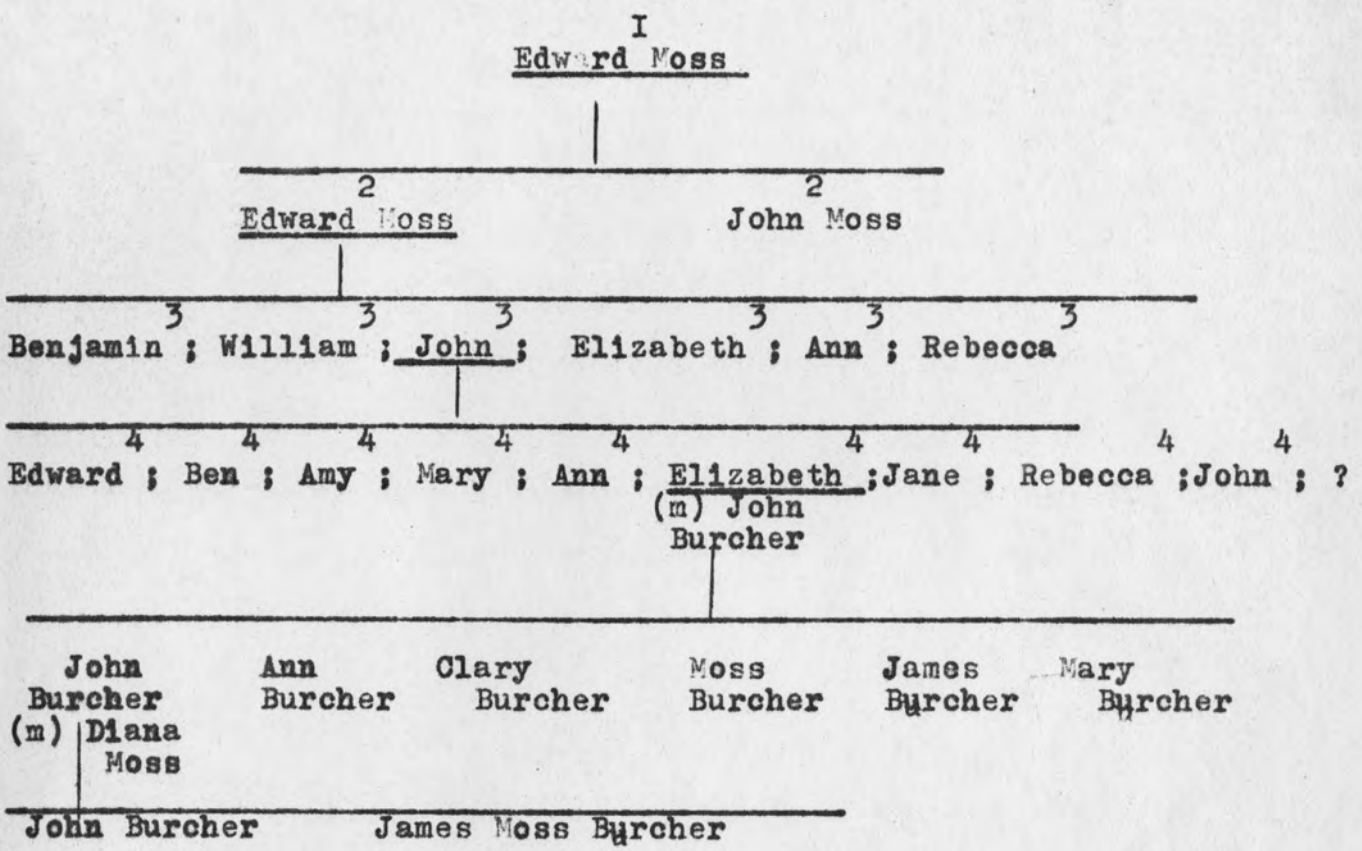

6. Elizabeth Moss (John 4, Edward 3, Edward 2, Edward I) was married to John Burcher before her mother died in I736. She was "cut off with one shilling" in Elizabeth Moss' will. The names of her children are learned from a lawsuit in the court July I9, I756. Edward Moss, William Addudton Rogers, and Elizabeth Stroud testified that they heard John Burcher say that he desired his whole estate be given to his widow and after her death be divided among his children. Someone said that the will "was taken away and destroyed." They said that John Burcher died about the year I755. The case was stated thus:

> Elizabeth Burcher, widow plaintiff versus John Burcher, John Hay and Ann his wife, Clary Burcher,

Moss Burcher, James Burcher, Mary Burcher, infants by Dudley Digges Jr., Gent., their guardian specially assigned, defendants. I48

Elizabeth ^{4}Moss Burcher had issue:

(I) John ^{5}Burcher

(2) Ann ^{5}Burcher

(3) Clary ^{5}Burcher

(4) Moss ^{5}Burcher

(5) James ^{5}Burcher (inventory returned I77I)

(6) Mary ^{5}Burcher

(I) John ^{5}Burcher married Dianna Moss. He died I780 and Benjamin Moss, his father-in-law, became the guardian of his children, namely:

A. John ^{6}Burcher

B. James ^{6}Moss Burcher

Benjamin Moss, as guardian of John and James Moss, plaintiffs entered a lawsuit against John Hay Bryan, an infant, in chancery court July I780.[I49] This came about through a will left by Robert Hay dated February 25, I778 and probated December 2I, I778. In this he named his wife Ann; his daughter Ann Hay; and designated that if his daughter died without heirs, the estate would be equally divided between John Burcher and John Hay Bryan.[I50]

His inventory was returned I782 and he left a will also.[I5I]

I48. York County Wills and Inventories I746-I759, pp 404-406.

I49. York County Orders No. 4, p. 277.

I50. York County Wills and Inventories No. 22, p. 409.

I5I. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 6.

A. John Burcher (6) (John (5) Burcher, Elizabeth Moss (4) Burcher, John (3) Moss, Edward (2) ; Edward (1)) was designated as "orphan of John Burcher" in the Guardians' Accounts I783. He married Elizabeth _____ and they were parties to a deed---a sale of property to John Hay Bryan, evidently, the portion he received from the will of Robert Hay. The deed bears the date August 7, I792.[I52]

B. James Moss Burcher (6) married first a daughter of Benjanin Moss (a cousin) for he was spoken of as "son-in-law" in his will written I79I. He married secondly, Elizabeth Stroud, a daughter of James Stroud, January II, I826.[I53] The following January I8, I827 James Burcher asked her father for his wife's estate which she inherited from her mother.[I54]

James Moss Burcher, with Richard C. Walters and William Loyd were witnesses to an agreement due to a pending marriage between Ishmael Gibbons and Dianna Burcher, widow, January 29, I803.[I55]

(2) Ann Burcher (5), daughter of Elizabeth Moss (4) Burcher, was married to John Hay before the lawsuit about her father's estate in I756. She was specifically designated as Ann, the wife of John Hay. There is a will recorded in York County for John Hay dated November 25, I777 and probated June I5, I778 in which he mentioned a wife and son, Robert Hay.[I56] The will of Robert Hay, written February 25, I778 and proved December 2I, I778 named wife Ann Hay; daughter Ann Hay and continued with instructions

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I52. York County Deed Book No. 7 I790-I809, p. 63.

I53. York County Marriage Bond.

I54. Guardians' Accounts

I55. York County Deed Book No. 7, p. 430.

I56. York County Wills and Inventories No. 22, p. 39L.

concerning John Burcher and John Hay Bryan.[157] These last two persons were parties in a lawsuit as a result of the will.

No further research has been done on the Burchers.

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157. Ibid., p. 409.

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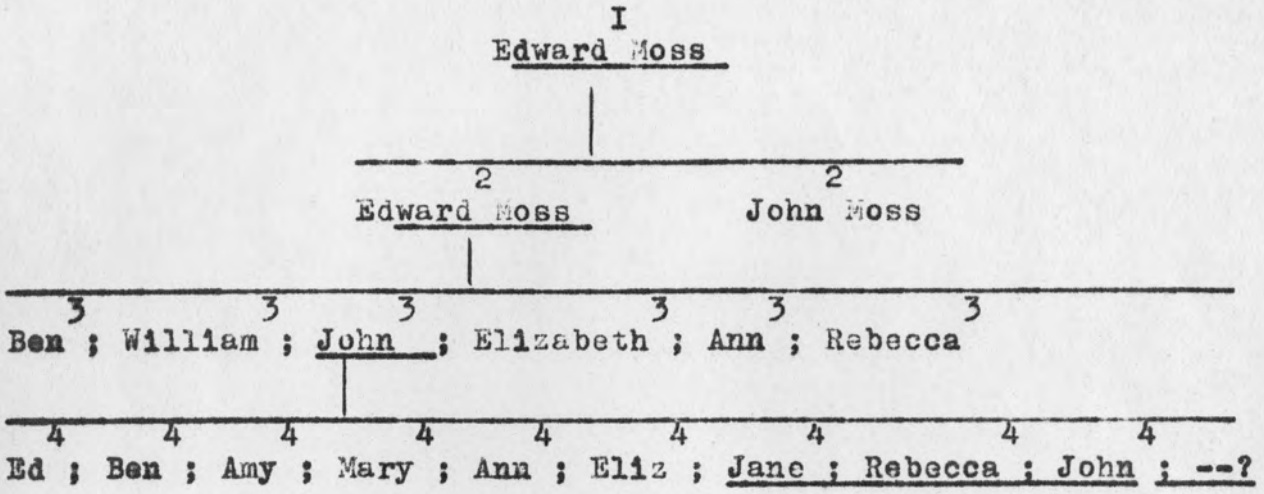
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7. Jane Moss (John[3], Edward[2]; Edward[I]) married Edward Armistead before I736 when her portion from her mother's estate was set at one shilling. She died February 24, I756 according to the Charles Parish Register. Her children's birthdates and parentage are likewise recorded as follows:

(I) Robert[5] Armistead born February I737/8; baptized April 9, I738.

(2) Moss[5] Armistead born May 4, I740, married Mildred Sclater, daughter of John and Mary Sclater and there was a law suit among the loose papers of York County relative to this.

(3) Ann[5] Armistead born August I746.

(4) Edward[5] Armistead born April I, I749.

There may have been other children after this last date.

8. Rebecca[4] Moss was unmarried in I736. She was mentioned in her mother's will. No further research has been done on her line.

9. John Moss[4] (?)[3]

John Moss left ten children according to the division of his property. Eight of his children were named in their parents' wills, but since two were not mentioned in any way in the mother's will, it appears they may have died. (She left legacies to three; she cut off[4] with one shilling five of her children.)

John Moss was probably one of the older children, perhaps the third or fourth. He married Katherine _____ and died I727. (Elizabeth Moss, the mother, wrote her will I736.) At the March 20, I727 session of court the record shows this transpired:

> Katherine Moss, relict of John Moss, deceased, came into court and made oath that John Moss departed this life---as far as she knows--without a will--and on her motion and having William Sheldon her security, entered into bond---for the administration of said Moss' estate. I58

Edward Wright, John Tenham, John Goodwin, and John Baptist were named to appraise the estate. The inventory was returned July I7, I727 and the commissioners reported an estate valued at II6-II-0. He had three slaves, namely: Negro man, Walk; woman Hannah; boy Tom.

Katherine Moss, the widow, married Adduston Rogers, a fact learned from a deed dated June 2, I729 when they sold to Edward Moss planter, for thirty pounds, the "parcel that came to Katherine by right of dower from her former husband, John Moss, lying on the head of Chisman's Creek."[I59]

I58. York County Orders, Wills, etc. I720-I729, p. 442.

I59. York County Deeds and Bonds No. 3 I7I3-I729, p. 527.

No guardian was appointed for a minor child and no children as heirs were mentioned. It appears that probably a brother, Edward Moss bought in land adjacent to his own property.

IO. ? unknown child of John[4] Moss. It probably died in childhood, since no mention is made of a tenth child in the mother's will.

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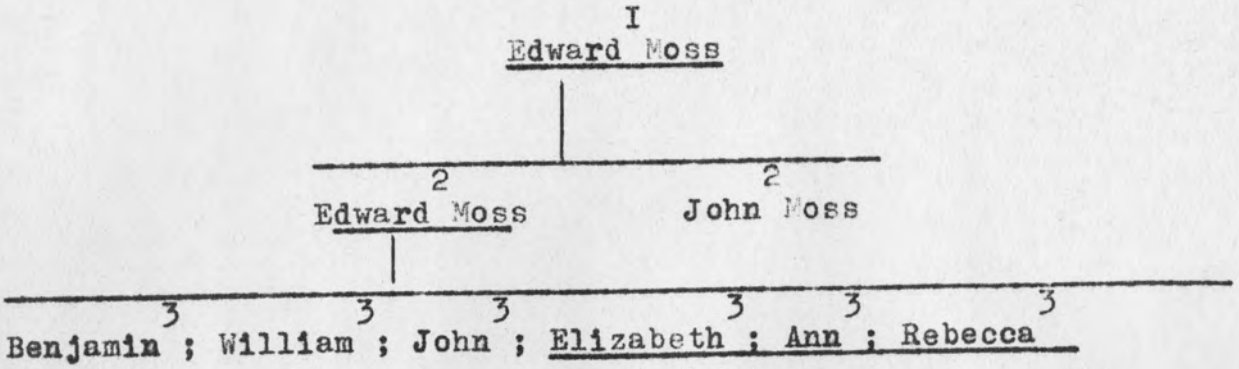

4. Elizabeth[3] Moss, daughter of Edward[2] (Edward[I]) Moss married Henry Heywood and by him had three children. He died I7II/I2. She married secondly Thomas Tabb and was his second wife. He left a will probated October I6, I7I7 with these surviving children: John Tabb; Thomas Tabb; Henry Tabb; Dianna Tabb, who married John Robinson; Mary Tabb; Rachael Tabb; Martha Tabb; and Edward Tabb. In I7I9 the widow, Elizabeth Tabb was named guardian of the last two children. Her will was proved December 20, I73I and she named five children:

(I) John Heywood[4]
(2) Elizabeth Heywood[4]
(3) Ann Heywood[4]
(4) Edward Tabb[4]
(5) Martha Tabb[4] I60

5. Ann[3] Moss, daughter of Edward[2] Moss, married first Charles Mennis who died I695. She married secondly, _____ Phillips and was named Ann Phillips in her father's will in I7I6. Her third husband was John Gibbons, learned from a court

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I60. William & Mary College Quarterly Vol. 7(I), p. 45.

record which states:

> on petition of John Gibbons and Anne his wife (one of the daughters of Edward Moss, late of this county, deceased) against Benjamin Moss, executor of the last will and testament---- petitions the court----May 20, I7I7. I6I

6. Rebecca Moss[3], daughter of Edward[2] Moss, married William Armistead of Elizabeth City County, being his second wife. She married secondly, Richard King. Her will was probated August I, I758 and she had two children: Col. Robert Armistead of Elizabeth City County and Moss Armistead who was named in his grandfather's will, written I7I5.[I62]

I6I. York County Records No. I5, Orders, Wills Etc. I7I6-I720, pt. I, p. III.

I62. For Armistead family see Historical Southern Families Vol. II by Boddie.

PART 5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ABOUT MOSS

This section comprises sketches and items which have not been places or identified in the main body of the manuscript.

John Moss
will proved June I8, I804
wife Dorothy Hewitt, daughter of Rev. Richard Hewitt

Catherine Moss
married: (I) John R. Fox
(2) William Nelson

John T. Burt and his wife Ann Burt sold to John Moss I63 I6 acres for 32 pounds, this being a part of the Hewitt tract.

Edward Harwood and Elizabeth Harwood sold to John Moss --- a tract that was "formerly owned by Elizabeth Powell and to whom she being now dead, the said Elizabeth Harwood as her mother - with three sisters of the said Elizabeth Powell, is heir and entitled to one fourth part of the tract." A memorandum was included : "It is acknowledged and understood by the within named John Moss that Robert Gibbons and Mary his wife and John T. Burt and Anne his wife, on paying the several proportions of the purchased money within mentioned be each entitled to one third of the within purchased land all expenses arising to be equally borne." Recorded June 20, I803. I64

John Moss and his wife Dorothy Moss sold to Corbin Griffin a parcel or tract situated between lands of said Griffin on

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I63. York County Deed Book No. 7, p. 42I

I64. Ibid., p. 426.

Wormley Creek and the land of Mary Gibbons, formerly Mary Hewitt and extending from the river towards the main road as by actual survey in October I795 containing _____, being that part of the tract of land known by the name of Wormley's Creek tract and allotted to said Dorothy , formerly Dorothy Hewitt from her father, Richard Hewitt with the other tract ----I6 acres adjoining the aforementioned land on the main road which the said John Moss lately purchased of John T. Burt and Anne his wife as by survey made September I802---total I28½ acres. The deed bears date April 7, I803.[I65]

This John Moss left a will written February 23, I804 and probated June I8, I804. In this he named his wife Dorothy and left her everything real and personal except his land in Warwick County. This was given to daughter Catherine Moss. Witnesses to the will were: Mary Gibbons, Corbin Griffin, and Robert Patrick.[I66]

The inventory of slave and personal property of John Moss, deceased shows he left:

Negro man	Robin	-----valued at	$300
"	Will	---- " "	400
" girl	Lucy	---- " "	250
" boy	Francis	----- " "	I00

The total value of his estate was $2778.79. This report was returned by Lawrence Gibbons, Thomas Griffin, and Thomas Archer.(He evidently lived in Yorktown, judging from the persons who evaluated his estate.)[I67]

Another record shows that on June I8, I804 the last will

I65. Ibid., p. 428; 446.

I66. York County Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 656.

I67. Ibid., p. 666.

of John Moss, deceased was proved on the motion of Dorothy Moss, the widow.[168] Later Dorothy Moss, from love and affection which she had for her daughter Catherine M. Moss gave her a slave on July 12, 1810. Witnesses to this were Mary Gibbons, Ann C. Gibbons, and Eliza Burt.[169]

In 1812 William Harwood was named guardian of Catherine Moss, orphan of John Moss, deceased.[170]

On the fly leaf of Guardians' Accounts (York County) this marriage record is written: John R. Fox and Catherine M. Moss married December 31, 1821 by Rev. Francis Wood. Also in same record Catherine Fox (widow) married William Nelson October 9, 1827 with Rev. Thomas Carter officiating.

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168. York County Orders No. 8 1803-1814, p. 25.

169. York County Deed Book No. 8, p. 75.

170. York County Orders No. 8, p. 441.